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## Death sentence for terrorist

ALON PINKAS

SA'ID Badarna, 24, was sentenced to death by the Jenin Military Court yesterday for his part in the April 13 attack, in which a terrorist blew himself up after boarding a bus at the Hadera central bus station.

Badarna, from the village of Yabed in Samaria, headed the Hamas cell that carried out the April 13 attack, in which a terrorist blew himself up after boarding a bus at the Hadera central bus station. The death penalty is not likely to be enforced, however, and will probably be reduced to multiple life terms on appeal. Only twice before have terrorists been sentenced to death, and in both cases the sentence was reduced on appeal.

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## High Court delays ruling on coalition agreement

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday postponed ruling on the legality of the Labor-Shas coalition agreement, but sharply attacked the pact during a seven-hour hearing.

Deputy President Aharon Barak even termed it "an agreement to circumvent democracy." The agreement states that "if the status quo on religious issues is violated, the two sides promise to correct the violation by means of appropriate legislation."

Originally, even Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair said this seemed to be illegal, because it made a blanket promise instead of reserving the government's right to examine each proposed piece of legislation on its merits.

Labor and Shas therefore published a clarification: "In any case where the two sides think the status quo has been violated, the two sides will investigate, in a serious and reasonable manner - considering each case on its own merits - how it is possible to restore the status quo, and will act accordingly."

According to Ben-Yair, this solved the problem.

However, Court President Meir Shamgar, Barak, and Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Mishael Cheshin, and Theodor Orr seemed to disagree.

"What's the difference between the old agreement and the new one?" demanded Barak.

Labor Party legal adviser Amnon Lorch replied that the new agreement did not mandate legislation, since many violations of the proposed status quo could be solved at the administrative or even municipal level. However, Barak rejected this argument, saying it was obviously directed at least partially at High Court rulings, and these can only be overturned by legislation.

"Stop trying to throw sand in our eyes," he said. "We know what this refers to."

Lorch also insisted the addition made it clear both sides would use their judgment on any given issue. However, the justices said, it (Continued on Page 12)



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat meet with Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez yesterday before receiving the Prince of Asturias peace prize.

## Rabin calls for 'investment in peace'

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

interim arrangements in the West Bank. We agreed to do so. Next Monday in Brussels these negotiations will start."

In his address after accepting the award, Arafat emphasized the importance of Palestinian elections, originally set for July and postponed again this month.

"One of the most important means towards the reinforcement of the peace process ... is by enabling the Palestinian people to choose their representatives and constituencies freely," he said.

Donor nations are to meet in Brussels on Wednesday to discuss making good on some \$2.2 billion in aid pledged over five years, Rabin said.

"They demand the channeling of money be done in transparent and accountable ways, and they have not yet reached agreement with the PLO," he said.

Israel will participate in next week's talks and try to smooth the way for rapid delivery of the promised aid, he added.

During Rabin's visit to Washington earlier this week, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said he believed Arafat could succeed in quelling Palestinian unrest if he had enough support from donor nations.

After his meeting with Gonzalez in Madrid, Arafat said there was evidence of "an Iranian conspiracy" in last week's clashes between Palestinian Police and demonstrators in Gaza City, in which 12 people were killed.

He pointed to a statement by former Iranian interior minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, promising that Moslems would carry out "the sentence of God against the enemies of Islam and the Moslems."

Declarations by Hamas "revealed the dimensions of the Iranian conspiracy and their implication in the disturbances," Arafat said.

## Deri: Court has no right to interfere in Shas deal

SARAH HONIG

He said that he had intended to appear before the court to argue that the agreement falls outside its jurisdiction, "but I was dissuaded by Labor, which feared that I might hurt the case. They advised me to hire a lawyer to argue my case, but I refuse professional legal representation because I will not concede that this is a bona fide legal issue."

As a result, Deri explained,

Shas representatives did not appear in court.

Deri's strongly-worded attack on the court shows, it was agreed in both parties, that he feels a decision against the deal is a foregone conclusion.

Labor resumed unofficial attempts to replace the current agreement, which it believes is doomed, with another which might bring Shas back to the coalition without running afoul of the court.

Labor hopes to convince Shas to opt for an unofficial agreement which could not be pinned down, and therefore could not be opposed in the courts.

A senior Shas source said the party is "unlikely to go for such a deal. Labor could all too easily renege, denying the agreement's existence when it is expedient to do so."

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## Palestinian Police, IDF on full alert for Hamas rally

ALON PINKAS and JON IMMANUEL

IDF units and the Palestinian Police force are on full alert, as a large-scale Hamas demonstration scheduled for today threatens to spill over into mass rioting and attacks on IDF positions throughout the Gaza Strip.

In a reversal of instructions, army units have been ordered not to retreat from their positions in the face of advancing crowds, as they did last weekend. That retreat drew heavy political criticism.

"The guidelines have not changed. But specifically for this Friday, soldiers have been instructed not to retreat, and to shoot if necessary, should riots erupt and turn into attacks on army positions," said a senior military source in Gaza.

Soldiers on guard duty, he added, will have a bullet in the chamber of their weapons.

Hamas announced plans for a massive rally, which is to begin as today's midday prayers end. Supporters are expected to converge in central Gaza City in a show of political power.

Hamas saw this week's PLO rallies in Jericho and Gaza as a provocation, which pushed them to plan today's rally to be bigger and more strident than originally intended.

Sufian Abu Zayde, head of Fatah's Israeli desk, said he was sure the rally would pass peacefully, and that the Fatah Hawks would observe the agreement between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas negotiated Wednesday night.

"The government depends on Fatah, which is the only organization which supports it," he said.

But Palestinian security officials told IDF officers they fear that incitement in the mosques will inevitably lead to a loss of control.

The agreement between Hamas and the PA states that the Palestinian Police will not prevent Hamas from staging the rally, that police would not be present at the rally, and that no weapons will be displayed or shots fired in the air.

The accord was worked out by Yasser Arafat's special aide, Dr. Ahmed Tibi, Sheikh Abdullah Nizar Darwish, head of the (Islamic) Movement, Ibrahim Sarsour, the spokesman of the movement, and Dr. Haider Abdel-Shafi, whose own popularity has increased through his mediation efforts. Islamic Jihad is not a party to the agreement.

The agreement was tested yesterday, when shots were fired at the Gaza homes of three Hamas leaders, apparently by a group of Fatah Hawks asserting control of the streets. Fatah Hawks carrying weapons were seen in several areas of Gaza City.

Hamas accused Fatah of breaching the agreement, but pledged to keep its part regarding today's demonstration. In preparation for possible riots, the army reinforced its positions at the Kisufim, Gush Katif, and Netzarim junctions, and at the Erez checkpoint. An army source said that Palestinian Police had already deployed in some areas at the IDF's request.

"The level of cooperation is satisfactory. It is a mutual interest of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority that riots be contained," the source said.

Yesterday, Gaza police released 20 more Islamic Jihad supporters, who had been arrested after the suicide bombing at the Netzarim position two weeks ago that killed three soldiers. This brings the total released to 43, with some 70 still in jail.

Herb Keiron adds:

The 30 families in Netzarim will be carefully watching the developments in Gaza today, and will check with the IDF before venturing onto the road out of their settlement. Netzarim spokeswoman Miri Harari said.

But, she said, life in the settlement will go on as usual. People will go to work, and a number of groups from around the country are expected to come to the settlement over Shabbat to show their support.

"We trust the IDF completely and are confident in its ability to defend us," Harari said.

Harari said the embattled IDF position at the Netzarim junction is not the settlement's only, or even primary, line of defense.

"Life here is continuing as normal," she said. "But we are following everything that happens in Gaza very carefully, because what happens there does impact on us."

Harari said her main concern at this point is for the safety of the soldiers at the junction.

Heavy support for violence, Page 2

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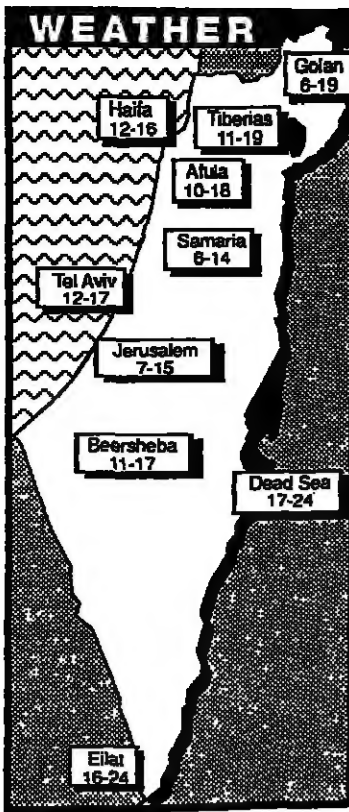
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In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the jack of spades, queen of hearts, jack of diamonds, and seven of clubs.

# Hamas agrees to no arms, no threats at today's rally

HAMAS plans to bring tens of thousands of supporters to a Gaza rally this afternoon, with the aim of dwarfing Monday's pro-Arafat rally.

The Palestinian Authority and Hamas worked out a temporary accord Wednesday night to head off any violence at the rally, following the riot last Friday which left 12 dead and 200 wounded. Hamas has agreed not to carry arms or issue threats in speeches or in leaflets at the rally.

The Palestinian Authority agreed that Fatah Hawks, who emerged armed this week at the side of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, will keep away. Only police will carry arms and they must remain out of sight of the rally.

Most violence has been directed at Israeli troops in eight attacks since last Friday's Palestinian police suppression of a riot at the Palestine Mosque.

Today's rally was officially

JON IMMANUEL

called to mark the anniversary of the death of Imad Akel, a gunman who killed 13 Israeli soldiers before being shot dead by undercover troops last year.

A leaflet by Izzadin Kassam, the Hamas armed wing, yesterday took responsibility for a dawn attack on an IDF patrol near Rafiah. Israeli troops rather than Palestinian police are most likely to be targeted today.

Both Hamas and the Palestinian Authority have avoided a complete break by blaming Israel. Iran or both for instigating last week's riot.

Three hours after Wednesday night's accord was signed, unidentified gunmen fired at the home of the Hamas signatory Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, and one bullet smashed through a window. "Six or more shots were fired at our house at one in the morning," his

daughter said. Zahar blamed "a third hand," meaning Israel. Shots were also fired near the homes of two other Hamas leaders associated with the accord.

Whether today's rally remains peaceful or erupts into violence will be a major test for the infant authority and will have a direct effect on the future of Gaza and the Palestinian autonomy.

Police are worried that one or two troublemakers opening fire at today's rally in the Shajaiya neighborhood of Gaza City could start a conflagration.

Stronger non-violence accords between Fatah and Hamas have failed in the past and this one is weaker than most.

Zahar told the Post that this accord does not solve any of the problems between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority. "It is partial and limited and the aim is to bypass a difficult situation for the next few days only."

## Gaza City almost back to normal

EYEWITNESS

LAMA LAHOUD

GAZA City has almost returned to normal after last Friday's bloody clashes between Hamas and the Palestinian Police which left 12 people dead.

"Things are pretty much back to normal, only there are more security personnel and more Fatah activists on the streets," said Omar Sarraj, a wealthy businessman from Gaza City who has close links to the Palestinian Authority.

On the coastal road leading to Yasser Arafat's headquarters, several checkpoints have been set up and all cars seeking to pass are stopped.

"The people will not allow anyone to take their newly found freedom and security away," said Sarraj. He said the people are beginning to understand that Hamas had incited the shoot-out last Friday.

"Since it was made public that most of those killed were from Fatah, the anger is turning against Hamas," he said.

But the families of those killed hold the PA responsible for not providing security.

Nevin Anachala, 24, sister of Alaam Anachala, 19, one of the victims, said the family was pro-Fatah until last Friday. Now, they are angry at Arafat and the

PA. The family does not know where the shots came from or who opened fire.

Cousin Abdallah, 17, was with Alaam when he got shot. "We were talking to some friends, when suddenly someone opened fire from somewhere," he said.

Nevin said she would vote for whoever could provide security and improve the economic situation. So far, Arafat has been unable to do so, she said.

Iyad Sarraj, a psychiatrist, said Friday's incident left Gazans insecure and depressed. He said people had high expectations when the PA took over, and are disappointed living conditions have not yet improved. He said security is the most important need of most Gazans, and that this is the right time to disarm all Palestinians.

"The problem is that the

## Probe: Unit could not deal with soldier who stole tank

ALON PINKAS

SGT. Amit Nehemia, the soldier who stole a tank earlier this month, was a quiet, dedicated, and good soldier, according to the final report of the committee which investigated the incident.

But, the panel said, he also harbored resentment toward his unit, which ignored his distress signs and was unqualified to deal with his problems.

Nehemia took an M-60 tank from his base in Julis on November 6. He then went on a rampage, driving the tank to Ashdod and then toward Yavne, hitting a bus and injuring nine passengers, before a track fell off near Moshav Beit Zakkai.

Nehemia surrendered after 4½ hours of negotiations with police.

The committee concluded that while all IDF units undergo extensive training on how to deal with distressed soldiers, junior officers and NCOs are unqualified and ill-equipped to deal with soldiers like Nehemia.

In the tank mechanics unit to which Nehemia was temporarily assigned, going to a psychologist was deemed negative and contemptible, said the committee. Despite this, Nehemia was a good soldier, who kept his grievances inside until he apparently couldn't bear it any longer.

The committee recommended that all soldiers and officers be professionally instructed in confronting similar situations.

The Military Police is still investigating the incident, and will report to the Judge Advocate-General's Office on its conclusions.

## IDF, SLA gunners blast suspected terror targets

IDF and South Lebanese Army gunners blasted terrorist targets north of the security zone yesterday, following two separate attacks on SLA positions.

In the morning an SLA post in the Ghazian region came under light weapons fire. Later in the afternoon, two more positions in the Ghazian and Soujoud areas were attacked in a similar fashion.

There were no casualties among IDF or SLA troops in the area.



Armed Fatah Hawks gather at a community hall in Gaza City yesterday, the meeting was called to raise morale among the faction.

## Nablus center's poll: Palestinians still support violence against Israel

JON IMMANUEL

A POLL issued by a Nablus research center indicates that support for violence against Israel among Palestinians is still widespread.

In the poll, conducted by the Center for Palestine Research and Studies, only 43% of those saying they support Fatah, Yasser Arafat's faction, say they "oppose armed operations against Israeli targets."

The only factions in which a majority oppose any attacks on Israel are FIDA, headed by Palestinian Authority Culture Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo, and the Palestinian People's Party, which is headed by PLO executive committee member Suleiman Najjib, who opposes the PLO-Israel accords.

In both cases more than 70%

oppose violence against Israel. But both parties together are supported by less than 10% of the Palestinian population.

The poll was conducted last Thursday, the day before last week's riots and shootings outside the Palestine Mosque in Gaza City. The survey polled 1,076 adults, and has a 3% margin of error.

Among opponents of the peace process, almost twice as many Hamas and Islamic Jihad supporters oppose violence (18%) as those who support the secular left-wing Popular and Democratic Fronts for the Liberation of Palestine (close to 10%). This may indicate wider

ideological diversity in the Islamic groups than in the Marxist ones, although in practice the Islamic groups are more violent than the PFLP and DFLP.

Another indication of ideological diversity is shown by responses to a question on proposed political solutions to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. They indicate that 20% of Fatah supporters would opt for the liberation of Palestine from the [Mediterranean] sea to the [Jordan] river, and 15% of Hamas supporters would opt for a PLO-sponsored two-state solution.

By contrast, FIDA supporters, 75% of whom oppose violence, are 100% for a two-state solution.

## US Secretary: US concerned about those who undermine peace anywhere

DAVID RUDGE

THE US is concerned about radicals who challenge the peace process in the Middle East and other parts of the world, US Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

"Those of us who believe in peace must make it very clear that we will prevail and not the radicals," she said during a visit to the Yemin Orde Youth Aliya village on Mt. Carmel.

She pledged that the US would fight the "radicals" as it had done in other parts of the world by supporting "those leaders who believe in peace."

"In this case our strong support of the government of Israel, of the

new government in Palestine of [PLO leader] Yasser Arafat, of King Hussein and of all those who believe in peace," she said.

"The Israelis, the Palestinians, the Jordanians and the Egyptians have taken a giant step. We support the process that is going on. We hope for its success and there are already indications of its success."

"My coming to this country right after the president's visit is an indication of our support for the peace process and we have no reason to believe that the future holds anything except the promise for peace," she said in answer to questions about the threat posed

by extremist Hamas and Islamic Jihad elements to the Israel-PLO accord.

Shalala, who was last night awarded an honorary doctorate in science by the Technion, intends to visit Gaza tomorrow to learn more about health needs there and in the West Bank.

The descendant of Lebanese immigrants to the US, Shalala told participants at last night's ceremony that as the "first woman of Arab descent to receive an honorary degree from the Technion, I am especially honored to join with you in breaking down one more barrier and opening up one more channel of peace in this rapidly changing region."

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# Serbs tighten grip on Bihac

SARAJEVO (AP) — Bosnian Serb forces yesterday tightened their grip on the town of Bihac, where officials reported the hospital packed with wounded, food supplies very low and many homes destroyed.

UN officials scrambled to negotiate a cease-fire and demilitarization of Bihac, while NATO diplomats met in Brussels to discuss more action against the Bosnian Serbs following three air strikes this week.

In Sarajevo, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, met Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic, then planned to head to the Serb stronghold of Pale for talks with Bosnian Serb leaders. Silajdzic said the situation in Bihac had stabilized somewhat. The Serbs "were trying to take as much territory as they could... Now I think we are going to have a cease-fire."

The Bihac region and its vaguely designated "safe area" is now sliced in two, with Serb forces holding territory to the south and the Bosnian army's 5th Corps the northern sector, said UN spokeswoman Claire Grimes in Zagreb.

A UN spokesman in Zagreb said Bosnian Serbs had virtually surrounded Bihac town. Speaking on condition of anonymity, he reported heavy Serb shelling near Gata, about 10 km north of Bihac.

The Bosnian Serbs appear intent on neutralizing the 5th Corps. The Serb advance on Bihac, from which government troops launched a temporarily successful offensive last month, mirrors previous assaults on Srebrenica, Zepa and Gorazde, other UN "safe areas."

Those three Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia came under heavy Serb attack before last-minute negotiations with the United Nations saved tens of thousands of civilians in each one.

UN officials now keep the three



An American soldier yawns while waiting for a Thanksgiving Day parade yesterday in Zagreb. (AP)

enclaves alive with aid convoys which the Serbs can cut off at will. Government forces inside the enclaves have no access to fresh weapons.

Silajdzic indicated a similar fate now awaits Bihac. He said the main priority was to help the 48,000 civilians trapped in Bihac "without proper food since May."

Rose said he also believed the Serbs would not take much more territory, and indicated the United

Nations might redraw its own "safe area" borders to accommodate the Serb desire to control high ground south of Bihac in exchange for giving the government more territory to the north.

The United Nations would then create a weapons exclusion zone around Bihac town, Rose said. That would require far more peace-keepers than the 1,200 Bangladeshis stationed in Bihac town and three other

locations in the region.

In Sarajevo, Bosnians expressed fresh fury with the world's failure to stop the Serb advance on Bihac. "Drama in Bihac, NATO unconvincing," said *Oslobodjenje*, the major newspaper.

Officials and ham radio operators from Bihac — like their predecessors in Srebrenica, Zepa and Gorazde — told of bombardment, death, injury, damage and hunger in their embattled town.

# Major, cabinet to resign if they lose EU budget vote

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister John Major said yesterday he and his cabinet will resign and call elections if they lose a crucial parliamentary vote next Monday on the European Union budget.

After consulting with cabinet members, Major issued a statement through his private office saying they agreed to stand or fall together in what has been labeled a "suicide pact."

"If the government were defeated, the government would resign and the Prime Minister would ask the Queen to dissolve parliament," the statement said.

The threat added spice to a high-stakes game of political poker pitting Major against a stubborn group of "Euro-sceptics" in his own Conservative Party. The rebels are threatening to

vote against Major, who has a slender majority of 14 in the 651-seat House of Commons, rather than agree to boost Britain's contributions to the EU budget.

One of the rebels, Bill Cash, said at least 15 fellow Conservatives would support an amendment to the bill refusing to provide the extra cash until the EU cracks down on fraud.

"I know that a significant number of people are going to support it. I know that it is 15 and it could be more," Cash told BBC radio.

Cash was skeptical that Major, who trails the main opposition Labor Party by 31 percentage points according to an opinion poll in yesterday's *Times* newspaper, would call a general election.

"I cannot understand a new constitutional doctrine of collec-

tive suicide," he said.

Euro-sceptics had suggested Major could be replaced as Conservative Party leader in the event of defeat and that a general election could be avoided.

But a senior government official ruled this out. "There is no question of the Prime Minister resigning and an alternative prime minister being found," he said.

The statement from Major's office also scotched speculation that some right-wing Euro-sceptics in the cabinet had not agreed to sign this collective "suicide note."

"They (ministers) confirmed their unanimous agreement that this is a matter of confidence in the government. The bill implements an international commitment given with full cabinet backing," the cabinet statement said.

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# BT denies hacker broke into computer

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's major telecommunications company yesterday denied a hacker had broken into its computer database and found the secret telephone numbers of Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister John Major's private office, and MI6 intelligence.

BT also threatened to take legal action against a journalist who alleged he had obtained thousands of confidential numbers.

It launched an emergency investigation after the *Independent* newspaper claimed a computer hacker had obtained the numbers.

The *Independent* reported the hacker also fished sensitive information about British intelligence out of the database and passed it on via the Internet public-access computer network.

Later BT said their probe had shown no hacking of its Customer Service System (CSS). "The CSS system is secure and exceptionally robust," a statement said.

The *Independent* claimed the hacker got telephone numbers and addresses for secret defense installations and counter-intelligence personnel.

# US-Kazakhstan nuke deal is 'one of a kind'

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — US officials say that what amounts to a secret purchase of more than 20 nuclear bombs worth of uranium from Kazakhstan is a landmark in efforts to contain nuclear threats

but is unlikely to be widely repeated.

President Bill Clinton and his top advisers said the transfer of more than 600 kg of weapons-grade uranium from Kazakhstan to the United States will deny it to terrorists and potential new nuclear regimes like Iran.

"That means that one more threat of nuclear terrorism and proliferation has been removed from the world," Clinton said.

Defense Secretary William Perry added: "We have put this bomb-grade nuclear material forever out of the reach of potential black marketeers, terrorists or new nuclear regimes."

He said at a Pentagon press conference the uranium could have made more than 20 nuclear weapons. Another US official said a skilled bomb-maker could have produced up to 36.

But Perry said there are no pre-

sent plans to obtain such nuclear fuel caches from other former Soviet republics and said the conditions for this one may have been one of a kind.

Nuclear expert Tom Cochran of the think-tank Natural Resources Defense Council told CNN the Kazakhstan uranium came from just one of 100 such stockpiles in former Soviet republics.

Even so, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said it is just the latest example of US efforts to help former Soviet republics prevent their Cold War nuclear weapons and fuel from falling into the hands of terrorists or dangerous countries.

"We have a landmark event here," Christopher said.

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"As far as I know, he has sur-

rendered. There was no storming of the plane," a flight controller said. He could give no further details, but said he heard the news over the airport's internal communications network.

The hijackers, believed to num-

ber three, had seized the plane on a flight from Syktyvkar in northern Russia to the Belarussian capital Minsk, diverting it to Tallinn. They initially demanded a new Estonian crew and safe passage to Western Europe.

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**Assad Knows...** The 1949 Geneva Convention (Section 2, Articles XI and XII) hold Syria responsible for their fates.

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until he tells us what he *knows*.

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## A documentary to ponder

FOR Americans, talk of holy war must seem like something out of an exotic movie script. But a television documentary screened this week in the US on Public Broadcasting Service stations (and in Israel on Channel 1) should have disabused viewers of the notion that religious wars are extinct, or that, at worst, they are confined to remote places like Afghanistan.

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of this extraordinary documentary, produced by investigative reporter Steve Emerson, is that American Islamic groups - led by the Council on American Islamic Relations, which claims to be moderate - made extraordinary efforts to prevent its screening. In the film, Emerson stresses that those who call for jihad against the Jews and the West are distorting and subverting the true meaning of Islam. The West's struggle, he asserts, is against terrorists, not Islam. If anything, true believers should welcome the film: it exposes Islamic elements they should be interested in eradicating.

Islamic terrorists differ from the terrorist movements the world became accustomed to in the 1970s and 1980s. The radical groups of those decades, trained by the PLO and supported by the Soviet Union, saw in the capitalistic, democratic West a common enemy. But since they had little else in common, their symbiotic relationship began only a loose federation of convenience.

But the Islamic groups are united by a passion. The religious fanaticism which moves the mujahadeen of Afghanistan is identical to that which animates members of Islamic groups in Brooklyn. And for the first time since the Comintern managed to establish a global network through indoctrination and misguided ideology, there is now an anti-democratic movement which can effectively reach all the corners of the earth. Its recruits are not young idealists intoxicated by the promise of socialism, but militant Moslems fed on hate and religious fervor.

Like the Communist parties of the past, Islamic militants have found the West's soft underbelly: the very freedoms that make democracy so attractive can be turned into instruments of its destruction. As former FBI official Oliver Revell put it in the film, freedom of speech and freedom of religion are the most precious, fundamental tenets of democratic society. To deny them is unthinkable.

But when they are exploited by terrorist groups masquerading as religious organizations, and when sermons in mosques announce that "we buy paradise with the blood of Jews," and "blood must flow; there must be widows and orphans; hands and limbs must be cut," democratic governments face critical choices.

If they uphold the right of citizens to free

speech and worship, even when it is indistinguishable from incitement, they invite terrorist strikes and disaster. If they do not, they shake the very foundations of democratic rule.

Officials interviewed on the program all agree that there is a connection between recruitment done under the guise of religious preaching and the execution of terrorist acts. One official insisted that militant sermons forecast precisely what the terrorists will do. To let them proceed with impunity is to invite bloodshed.

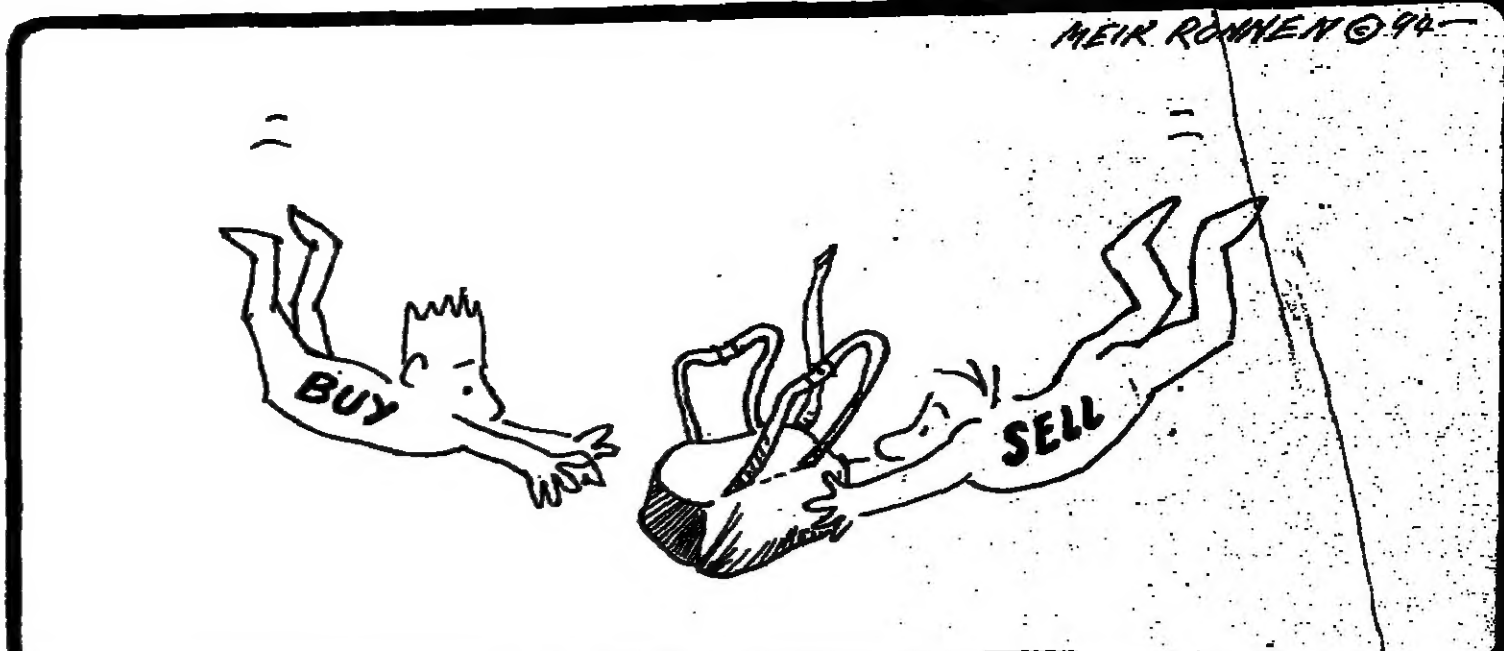
Nor do experts on Islamic terrorism doubt that the ultimate goal of the militants is not just the destruction of Israel but the defeat of the "great Satan," America. As one Islamic fanatic was recorded saying, in Afghanistan the mujahadeen defeated one of the superpowers, the USSR. Now there is no reason to believe they cannot beat anyone else who stands in their way.

For Israelis, pictures of preachers spouting poisonous, murderous hatred are not new. But there is much in this documentary that is instructive. The Islamic activists in the US, both those who financially support Hamas and Hizbullah and those who plant bombs and assassinate, are not downtrodden and poor. Nor do they live in hovels "under occupation." Yet their fervor and hatred are no less intense than that of Hamas suicide bombers here. To see a teenager in an American summer camp yell *libah al Yahud* (slaughter the Jews) is to understand that building a few new factories in Gaza will not make the worldwide wave of Islamic fanaticism go away.

The film is also useful in that it dispels the notion that only paranoics and conspiracy theorists suspect that murders and bombings by Islamic operatives are not isolated incidents. The sight of a New York police official vehemently insisting that Sa'ad Nasseir, Meir Kahane's assassin, was a lone gunman with no connection to anyone is a perfect example of official refusal to let facts get in the way of a comfortable theory.

The 47 boxes of documents found in Nasseir's apartment, which proved that he was "at the heart of a worldwide terrorist network," as someone put it in the film, were ignored for four years. Only after the bombing of the World Trade Center did it become clear that had the documents been studied, the bombing could have been prevented.

Similar adherence to comfortable theories is what makes the world community flinch with Iran, the source of the fanatics' inspiration; woo Syria, which sponsors Hizbullah and Hamas; and wink at Saudi Arabia's financial support for Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Israel can only hope that the awakening, which this documentary should hasten, will come before disaster strikes.



## Interview with a dead bomber

KENNETH R. TIMMERMAN

HOW easy is it for young men in the Gaza Strip to blow themselves up for a cause? That was one of the things the Simon Wiesenthal Center of Los Angeles wanted me to explore during a recent investigation into the motivations of radical Islamic groups which have vowed to smash the Middle East peace process through acts of suicidal terrorism.

Among the religious and political leaders I interviewed in three Arab capitals, none was more disturbing than a quiet-spoken, 21-year-old student at the Islamic University in Gaza City named Hisham Ismail Hamad.

I was introduced to him during a semi-clandestine meeting with a group of activists who claimed allegiance to the Islamic Jihad, arguably the deadliest terrorist movement now active in the Middle East.

Six days after this meeting, on November 11, young Hisham Ismail strapped explosives around his waist and drove his bicycle into an Israeli army checkpoint in Gaza, obliterating himself and three Israeli soldiers.

Did Hisham Ismail go calmly to his death? I can never know. But on the day we briefly met, death and revenge were certainly uppermost in his mind. I can only wonder whether the street chants of *Allahu akbar* and the angry sermons vowing revenge against Israel for having allegedly killed one of their own were not part of a carefully orchestrated plan to prepare Hisham Ismail to meet his own death.

I met Hisham Ismail and a group of Islamic Jihad militants in Gaza, near the house of Palestinian journalist Hani Abed, who had been killed by a car bomb on November 2. The Israelis had publicly blamed Abed for the drive-by shooting of two Israeli soldiers in Gaza in May. Whether the Israelis were actually behind his death will probably never be known. But Islamic Jihad certainly believed they were and vowed revenge.

The streets outside Hani Abed's house of mourning were filled with graffiti and huge banners proclaiming revenge. "Yes to martyr-

dom," read one banner. "The slaughter of the Jews is our choice to victory," read another. "The children of Israel will be the sheep for the butchers of the Islamic Jihad" read a third.

I was taken to an abandoned parking garage just off the street, where men prepared Arab coffee over a twig fire and passed around olives and pieces of pita. Cheap office chairs were arranged in a

circle, and six people sat down to tell me about Islamic Jihad, their hatred of Israel and the plots of World Jewry to destroy Islam and Christianity.

One of the men, about 40, identified himself as Omar Mohammad and was known to the others as *Khatib* - prayer leader - since he often spoke on Fridays at a Gaza mosque. Another, in his late 30s, called himself "Maher Mohammed" and was more of a political spokesman. A third, younger, man frequently interrupted the others to utter inflammatory statements. He called himself "Mahmoud Ahmed." Despite his youth, the older men were almost deferential to him, making me suspect he was connected to the movement's military wing.

Off in the far corner of our group sat Hisham Ismail Hamad, whose identity I learned only 10 days later, when my Palestinian contact phoned me in Washington with the news of his death. He stared at me intently throughout our interview, his eyes glazed over, nodding his head in assent. The whole scene had an air of ritual to it.

ALTHOUGH I did not know what Hisham Ismail was preparing to do, I could feel the throbs of anger and blood-revenge in the room. Khatib: "Today we have entered a new era, the era when Pal-

estinian blood is no longer cheap. The Israeli side should understand that we are not going to avoid spilling our dear Arab blood. They should know that the revenge will come."

Mahmoud Ahmed: "Islamic Jihad considers that Israel, Nazi US, Britain, France and the others are a cancer that must be removed. This is one of our central ideas. We would like to remind them that

understand our blood? Our rejection is not just words."

They excused themselves then. It was time to preach more hatred and revenge to the crowd outside.

As I was putting together my notebook and cameras to join them, Hisham Ismail drew me aside. "If you want to learn more about the Jewish plot and the Protocols," he said quietly, "you should read a book called *Palestine* by Bayan Nourayid Hont. He explains how the Jews themselves have revealed their intentions in the Torah. It is all written there. Believe me."

After his death, Hisham Ismail's mother and sister, wearing dark veils, waved his portrait on high. Men like the Friday prayer leader, Omar Mohammad, would surely tell them that their loved one had joined God in martyrdom, just as he and the others had said of Hani Abed. I am not so sure.

As terrorism experts such as Tel Aviv University's Michael Kramer have noted, suicide bombers are not a dime a dozen. Groups such as Islamic Jihad and Hizbullah must select them from a very small pool of potential candidates.

The bombers are generally aged between 14 and 22, without children of their own, and without a police record that would make them suspicious to the Israeli authorities. Once selected, they are indoctrinated into the ways of sacrifice. Or, if you prefer, prepared like sacrificial lambs for the knife.

To persuade young men like Hisham Ismail to blow themselves up, Islamic Jihad goes to great lengths to separate them from their families, sealing them off in a bubble of hate-filled rhetoric that makes their choice of death seem rational, even sublime.

How many more young men like Hisham Ismail are being prepared in Gaza? If the men I met are any measure, quite a few.

The writer is an international security consultant and author. This article was adapted from a forthcoming study on the peace process for Los Angeles's Simon Wiesenthal Center (Los Angeles Times)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RABIN'S INSIGHT

Sir, - A senior intelligence officer was quoted (November 9) as having told the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee that "the description of Assad as a man who keeps his agreements is a myth." The report went on to state that our prime minister chose to reject this assessment.

May I direct your readers to the July 13, 1973 article by Mr. Rabin, in *Ma'ariv*, less than three months before the united Arab onslaught on Yom Kippur. Mr. Rabin chose to write: "Another development, which has a beneficial result as far as Israel is concerned, is the disappearance of Nasser from the Arab arena. The ability of the Arab states to coordinate their political or military activities has been reduced. Even in the past, this ability was not considerable - and now it has been curtailed even further."

Further on in his lengthy analysis, Mr. Rabin says: "This possibility of renewal of hostilities exists, but Israel's military capacity is sufficient to

preclude the other side's achievement of any military objective and inter-power political realities do not encourage such an outbreak."

The above raises some very pertinent questions and serious doubts regarding Mr. Rabin's self-professed insight, foresight and judgment.

Further in the above article, Mr. Rabin writes: "...I believe that Israel must maintain defensible borders. I am of the opinion that no responsible Israeli can accept the proposal that in return for a verbal assurance by the Arabs, we should withdraw to the [1949] armistice lines, the lines that existed prior to the Six Day War. We must learn the lessons of the past, and achieve boundary margins which will ensure the survival of Israel through defensible borders - in addition to Arab undertakings for peace."

How does this accord with Mr. Rabin's present policies?

MENACHEM BLOCH

Givatayim

### SYRIAN JEWS

Sir, - I read with great interest your recent article on Syrian Jews. As a member of the Sephardi community in Brooklyn, and as one of the leaders of the committee in charge of the resettlement of the Syrian Jews in Brooklyn, I was astonished and disheartened to notice that from the list of all the organizations to whom you gave credit for the rescue of the Syrian Jews, you omitted the most important person, organization, and country that were the heart and soul, both financially and politically in the forefront of the movement to free the Syrian Jews.

Long before it was fashionable to take on the cause of the Syrian Jews, Judy Feld Carr of Toronto, Canada, championed the cause and plight of Syrian Jewry through the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, and the National Task Force for Syrian Jews of the Canadian Jewish Congress. For almost 25 years, Judy Feld Carr single-handedly provided the monetary assistance and support to the needy Jews of Syria as well as the political clout for their freedom. When some Jews were unfortunately jailed in Syria, she provided the money to hire lawyers and pay bribes to get them better treatment or even release from jail. At the time when Russia was still a power behind Syria, and the US had no influence whatsoever

with the Syrian government, Mrs. Carr got the Canadian government to use its influence with the Syrian government for the release of jailed Jews and the freedom of the Syrian Jews. She was the link between some of the Syrian Jews who went to Israel and their loved ones left behind in Syria. She gathered information, published articles, wrote letters and even produced a video to bring to the attention of the entire free world the fate of Syrian Jewry.

SOLOMON SASSON

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### PARENTS' VIEW

Sir, - As a parent of soldiers, I would hope that my sons would not risk their lives to repel an enemy who will be considered a friend tomorrow, or to hold on to territory which tomorrow will be returned.

If soldiers are punished by jail sentences - so be it. I would rather visit them in jail than in a cemetery. I am sure that most parents agree with me and have so advised their sons.

The patriotic spirit of "it's good to die for one's country" has been erased by the appeasement policies of the Rabin government.

JACOB CARLIN

Jerusalem

### AMERICAN TROOPS ON THE GOLAN

Sir, - The October 25 letter from Morton Klein, President of the Zionist Organization of America, referred to a story in your October 2 issue which quoted the American Zionist Movement as being critical of a panel convened by Rep. Jim Saxton (R-N.J.) to discuss the stationing of American troops on the Golan. Mr. Klein states there was no meeting of the constituent organizations of the AZM to authorize such a statement.

While there was no meeting, there definitely is a consensus among our membership. We support the peace process of the government of Israel. We are concerned about premature discussion in the Congress about US troops on the Golan Heights, when the parties themselves have not made such a request and when the current discussion is intended to kill the peace process. Mr. Klein does not want to accept that consensus does not mean unanimity.

Even one of the speakers invited by Congressman Saxton, Senator Arlen Specter, whose firm support of Israel is unquestioned, took the same position as the AZM, which is that such discussions are premature and harmful to the peace process.

SEYMOUR D. REICH,  
American Zionist Movement  
New York

### KASTNER AFFIDAVITS

Sir, - The article by Elyakim Ha'etzi (November 8) is accurate in its comments on the Kastner affair and on his help in securing freedom for three Nazis.

It is not, however, the complete picture. I visited the law offices of Samuel Tamir on Rothschild Boulevard in Tel Aviv several months before he died. We discussed the Kastner case and Mr. Tamir referred to five Nazis being saved by Kastner affidavits.

I pointed out that the evidence, to date, revealed that only three had been saved. Tamir then advised me that the search (after the war) had gone on and that two more Kastner affidavits had been found. Since he was not aware of these two affidavits by the time Ben Hecht had completed his book, *Perfidy*, he was unable to cite any more than three affidavits.

AVRAHAM ERIS  
Safed

## The wrong rubber stamp

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

THE Tel Aviv bus bombing caused damage beyond loss of life, havoc, and the destruction of property. The Hamas suicide bomber, Salah Nazal of Kalkilya, also caused real damage to fundamental values embedded in the fabric of Israeli law.

For the first time, the High Court of Justice has legitimated the destruction of the dwelling belonging to the family of a dead terrorist.

The dwelling, which included a living area and a small detached structure, was the property of Nazal's father, who lived there with his wife and five of his children. Nazal's brother, Hassan, his wife and daughter shared the dwelling as a separate nuclear family.

The army ordered the destruction of the main structure, leaving the detached 24-square-meter unit as minimal lodging for Hassan and his family.

In its four-to-one decision, the High Court accepted the army's contention that its aim was not primarily punitive. Punishment, after all, requires a guilty party, and Nazal had blown himself up. His parents and their five children are injured parties, of course, but that is just side effect. The principal objective in destroying the dwelling was deterrence.

But is there any real difference between punishment and deterrence when the guilty party is no longer alive? Any reprisal, any retaliation, contains both elements.

The recent High Court decision goes a long way toward justifying a more or less barefaced reprisal, on the basis of its deterrent effect. The whole sorry business of destroying houses as a military sanction against a hostile civilian population has now come full circle.

It came into our law from England, where it was institutional-

ized as a sanction against Irish insurgents in the early 1920s. As part of the British Mandatory Emergency Regulations, it remained in force in Israel (and in Jordan) after independence.

After 1967, the military, prodded by the High Court, made efforts to adjust the use of this sanc-

tion to the basic norms of criminal justice. Therefore, while accepting the judgment of the military with regard to the deterrent value of the sanction, against substantial contrary expert opinion, the High Court insisted on some linkage between the guilty party and the dwelling to be destroyed.

That is why the military refused to order the destruction of the Kiyat Arba home of Dr. Baruch Goldstein, who perished while perpetrating the Hebron massacre. Goldstein had caused a loss of life comparable to that of the Tel Aviv bombing. Last week's case, therefore, represents a major shift from the previous policy of not destroying the homes of dead terrorists.

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THIS SHIFT in policy, the court declared, was justified by the threat of Hamas terrorism, with its fundamentalist glorification of a martyr's death. Only the knowledge that his family would suffer, argued the court, might deter a potential suicide terrorist.

Many will question whether this is a realistic assessment. Also, it patently ignores the pro-Hamas sympathy it will arouse in other segments of Palestinian society.

But most important, it ignores the effect of the new policy on the fundamental values of Israeli society.

This is more than just a failure to balance security interests against the basic human rights violated by the new policy, as the court has done in numerous cases

where security measures have infringed on conflicting interests. When a court denies that constitutional guarantees of basic human rights have any relevance, because the emergency regulations authorizing the destruction of houses were in force before the Basic Law: Human Rights was enacted, it does violence to fundamental beliefs that underlie our way of life.

Among these is a belief in equality before the law.

Why was Goldstein different? He was a loner, argued the court, while the Hamas terrorist was part of an organization. This, with all due respect, is the most unconvincing portion of Justice Elishu Mazza's majority opinion.

The short answer is, so what? Would a fanatic loner be less - or

more - likely to be deterred by the prospect of the destruction of the family home after his death than an organization terrorist? Surely the need for deterrence has little relationship to the wrongdoer's organizational ties.

Ronnie Liebowitz, the "motorcycle bandid," was also a loner. But because he had become something of a folk hero, the court imposed a heavy sentence as a deterrent.

Any court anywhere is in a no-win trap when it is called to second-guess the military in times of stress, in situations where security considerations are paramount. But here the High Court has inflicted a wound on itself.

In effect, it hasn't just found that the army had the authority to act. Instead, it has reviewed and approved the decision of the military.

Without judicial review, the destruction of the dwelling of a dead terrorist's family would have remained a regrettable incident, a matter of military responsibility, something that occurred under trying circumstances.

Because of the legitimizing nature of the High Court's review, it has become part of our national body of law.

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## POSTSCRIPT

THE 1990S BRITISH man rates friends and family over a good sex life and does not particularly enjoy beer and curry.

A research company asked 500 men about their priorities in life and concluded that a new breed of family man is replacing the workaholic yuppie.

Told to indicate their priorities, 63 percent chose family and friends. Sex was a priority for 33 percent. To relax, 30 percent of men choose sport, and only 9 percent - 2 percent of men aged 35 to 44 - said they like to drink beer in the pub after work and end the evening at a curry house.



## Spy story

HANNA SEMER

PROF. Marcus Klingberg has spent the last 12 years behind bars. For most of this time, Israelis knew nothing of his fate. Charged with espionage, he was tried in camera. His file is still officially secret, as was his 20-year sentence for a long time.

The man bore an assumed name. He virtually disappeared. Even his fellow inmates had no idea who he might be. Except for his family, the only people to share the secret were those at whom the secrecy was supposedly aimed: his Soviet runners.

The Soviets are no more, and Klingberg has appealed for parole. He is already an old man.

Given a third of his term off, he could be out of prison in about two years - but in two years, he isn't likely to be anywhere. A combination of severe ailments threatens his life.

**An old, sick man rots behind bars. Mercy and common sense demand his release**

The law recognizes "permanently ailing" as a reason for release, and a Bureau of Prisons board confirmed that Klingberg's chronic ailments will indeed shorten his life. This wasn't disputed by the parole board considering his request.

Nevertheless, the parole board accepted the defense establishment's position that Klingberg's release would "endanger state security."

This is a morbid joke. A man of 76 might possibly renew a career in politics, but not in espionage, especially if he has a heart problem, recurring strokes and several blood conditions. One doctor said Klingberg is living "on a medical volcano." The prison medical board stated that, given his condition, Klingberg's prognosis is "poor."

I WAS alerted to Klingberg's case when I read that he might have been swapped, as part of a complex deal, for Israeli A1s, Force navigator, Ron Arad, and perhaps other Israeli prisoners. The deal fell through, along with the independent existence of the mediating country, East Germany.

These contacts took place five or six years ago. Today, Klingberg's release would be even less of a risk. The Soviet Union is no more, and Klingberg has been cut off from his information sources for 14 years, long enough to render obsolete whatever information he had. The claim that "security reasons" demand his further incarceration is ridiculous.

Why this cruelty? Revenge, deterrence? These are legitimate considerations. Certainly, if a spy walks out of prison before his sentence is up, it would signal other would-be spies that, if caught, they too might enjoy a measure of mercy.

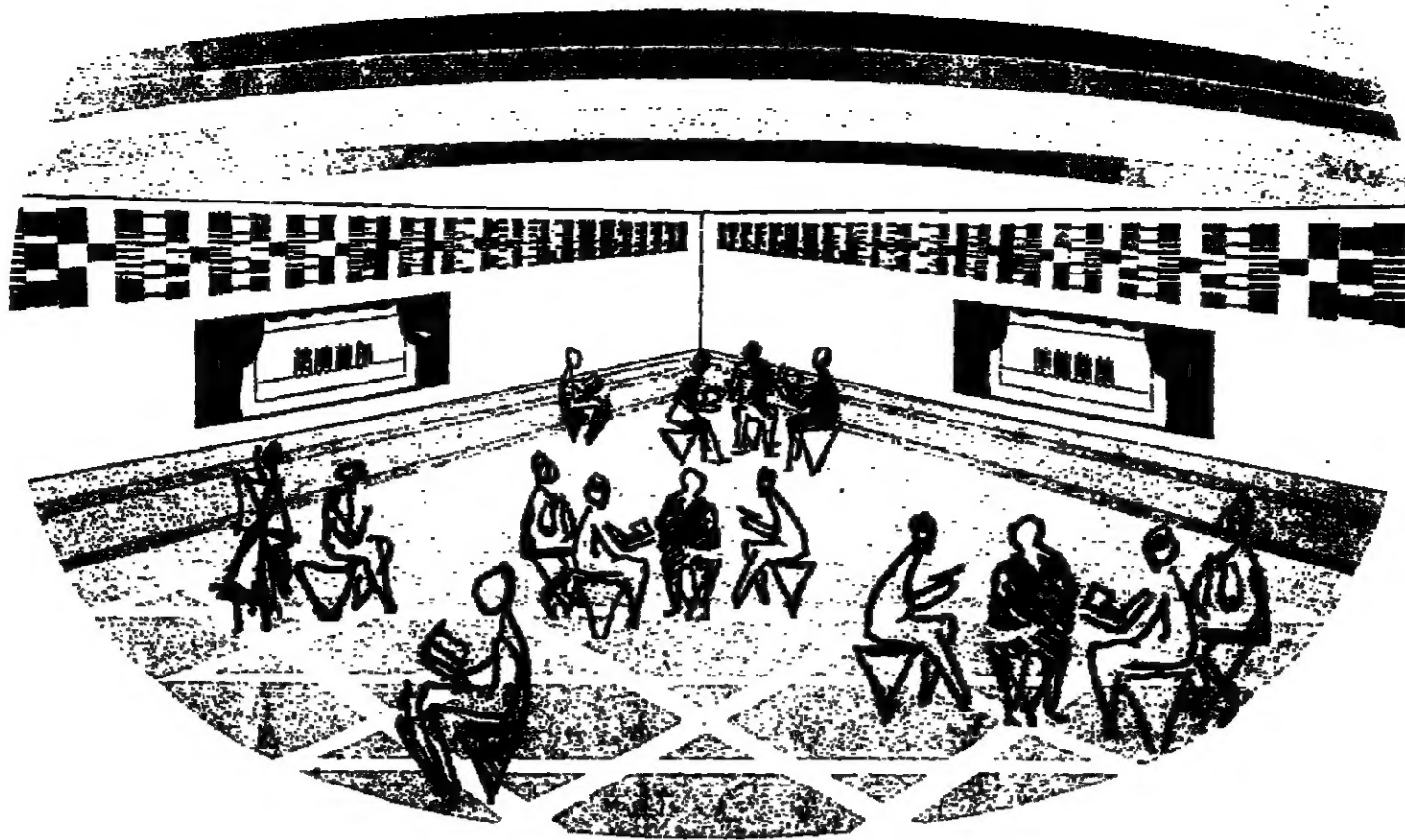
This, however, presents a puzzle. Why do we refuse to do what we expect others to do? Why do we expect the US to give up a "deterrent" and release Jonathan Pollard, while we reject Klingberg's appeal?

Klingberg has no one to speak up for him. His customer - or employer - went out of business. Politically, this should work against his chances for early release; but logically, it should be the other way around.

Granted, the man committed treason. But he has paid the price, his prognosis is poor, and he has nothing to look forward to except death, which he wishes to await at the side of his only daughter.

We should have enough mercy on him for that.

The writer is a former editor of Davar.



## Sacred space for the 21st century

YAACOV AGAM

WHAT is the function of the synagogue, and does the architecture meet the needs of the worshippers?

After considering these questions for many years, I have concluded sadly that the architectural organization of most synagogues inhibits rather than enhances the spiritual aspirations of our people.

People go to synagogue to be part of a community. That is why Jewish communal worship requires a *minyan* of 10 or more people. The individual is only a part of a whole or unity, which in the *Shema* prayer is expressed as Oneness.

It has always disturbed me that upon entering the sanctuary, you see a back view of the community.

That is because the synagogue follows the old Roman or Greek theatrical concept, with a seating hierarchy. The front rows are reserved for people of means and influence, then come the ordinary people, followed by the poor and the slaves. Such a configuration contradicts a fundamental Jewish spiritual concept: we are all equal before God.

I also object to the placement of the ark and *bima* in one particular

location. (The ark is placed so that the worshippers, facing it, also face Jerusalem.) God is everywhere, and not limited to a given space. Wholeness cannot be isolated.

My ideal synagogue would use architectural innovations to create a sacred space that would truly satisfy our needs.

**My ideal synagogue is daring and dynamic, fitting for God and man**

Instead of seating people all in the same direction, facing the backs of heads, I would use revolving chairs. If everyone could turn 360 degrees, they could, at any time, face different people, constantly creating different community groups.

And, instead of appearing like an actor in front of his congregation, the rabbi could move around and between the people. Looking at our brothers and sisters, we could see ourselves as a people of shared ideals, values and aspirations, and as a reflection of the divine spirit.

Instead of assembling all the Torah scrolls in an ark, I would place them in different locations throughout the sanctuary to express the idea that God's glory fills the universe.

Rotating chairs could be added or removed to accommodate the exact number of worshippers present.

Empty seats project a disturbing and distracting sense of missing people and emptiness.

MORE COLOR could be used, as the covenant with God is sealed with a rainbow. Rainbow colors express our direct relationship with divinity and God.

The ark I designed for the Minnie Perlo Synagogue of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York is composed of translucent Plexiglas prisms. The ark projects from the wall in three triangles, and its rainbow colors are gently diffused

through the angled prisms.

I wanted to dematerialize the Torah, which contains all the moral values of the Jewish people, and to have its spiritual feeling radiate out into the space of the synagogue.

The Torah scrolls seem suspended in the air, and you feel their presence, even though you don't see them until you open the doors of the ark.

The most daring innovations in technology and electronics should be employed to enhance our worship experience.

The *ner tamid* (eternal light) I created for the synagogue at the Palm Springs Jewish Community Center is controlled by computer, and the ark is engineered so that the Torah scrolls can be made to "disappear" when a nonreligious activity is performed.

If we wish to encourage our children to embrace a dynamic Judaism in the 21st century, we must create the right kind of space to meet our spiritual aspiration as Jews. This is an urgent challenge.

The writer is an Israeli artist and sculptor currently living in Paris. (Courtesy of Reform Judaism)

## 'No more hatred, no more fear...'

ALON BEN-MEIR

FROM the moment I arrived at Damascus Airport till the moment I left the city eight days later, I engaged every Syrian I met in a discussion about the Israeli-Syrian peace process.

The answers I received sounded rehearsed: "We want and desire peace, and the sooner the better." But peace, they quickly added, "must be based on a total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights."

Nevertheless, the Syrian public has begun to think about the prospects for peace in real terms.

Conversations with scores of ordinary people from all walks of life made it abundantly clear that peace wasn't just a slogan. The individual Syrian views renewed war as an utter waste that can achieve nothing but further suffering and pain. Most Syrian families, I was told, have sustained terrible losses in past wars and have no stomach for renewed conflict.

The people I spoke to, whether taxi-drivers, shopkeepers, waiters, tailors, businessmen or teachers, refused to engage openly in any discussion about government policies, or mention President Assad by name. But they all talked freely and with excitement about the prospects of peace with Israel.

"I look forward to the day when I can trade with Israel," said shopkeeper Abd Al-Alhalim. "Inshal-

lah," he kept saying, "God willing, God willing."

For the vast majority of Syrians, Assad's characterization of the requirements for peace touches a deep nationalistic and emotional chord. Like the Israelis, the Syrians have become prisoners of a national psychological disposition created over the years to explain the 1967 war and its consequences.

**Ordinary Syrians are starting to believe peace is really possible**

For 27 years, successive Israeli governments projected the Golan as indispensable to their country's national security. During the same period, the Syrians were told by their government that the Golan had been captured through a war of aggression which had exacted a heavy national toll.

Desirable as peace has become in the eyes of ordinary Syrians, national pride and honor loom much larger, making peace unthinkable under any circumstances other than total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan.

And what about the hatred and animosity toward Israel? I asked Ahmad Hassan, a tailor in the old city of Damascus.

"No, no," he said emphatically. "We Syrians believe in the proverb 'Alfai mat' [what is past is dead]. No more hatred and no more fear, we want to live and let live."

SOCIALLY, the Syrians appear to enjoy a healthy balance between the Ba'ath socialist political orientation and the state religion of Islam.

Though Islam is predominant and the Syrians' general outlook is conservative, personal freedom is growing without upsetting the delicate social balance the government is bent on preserving.

The Syrians are proud of the fact that there is hardly any crime, that no drug addicts roam the streets of Damascus. They boast that there is only a handful of

AIDS cases, and point out the complete sense of personal safety that exists throughout the country.

The measured liberalization the Syrians have experienced over the past three years has raised expectations that peace with Israel will pave the way for more personal freedom.

But the strains of two and a half decades of limited political and social freedom are apparent. Abu-Omer, a taxi driver, rolled up his car window before he would answer even a sympathetic question about Assad's domestic policies.

Economically, the government's three-year-old development program has dramatically changed the economic outlook for the majority of Syrians. Private industrial investment, the expansion of farmland, light industry and food processing, and more liberal import and export policies have together made Syria nearly self-sufficient in food production.

Still, in spite of this remarkable progress, the average Syrian worker in the private or public sector earns only between 4,000 and 5,000 Syrian lira (\$100-\$120) per

month, making it extremely difficult for the single provider to cope financially.

Since most women stay at home to care for their children, men often seek hard-to-get second jobs to supplement their income. For the average Syrian, only peace would open up extensive economic opportunities, further expand the market economy and attract the foreign capital so essential to creating sorely needed, well-paid jobs.

Over the last three years, the Assad government has been conducting a low-key public relations effort to present the idea of peace with Israel as a viable option that would ensure regional stability and prosperity.

Newspapers, TV and radio have been given the green light to discuss the advantages of peace. But having openly and publicly made the condition of total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights a prerequisite to restoring national honor, Assad may have painted himself into a corner.

"But patience pays," says restaurant owner Abu Salem. "The Israelis will eventually realize that we mean business when we say we want peace - and the price is the Golan."

For a people who have followed the flag patiently and sacrificed much to contemplate peace, recovering their land seems not only natural, but an imperative. I am firmly convinced that the Syrian people will follow their leader, not because his portrait looks down on them everywhere they go, but because they really believe in his concept of "a peace of the brave."

The writer, a professor of international relations at New York University, has just returned from a trip to Syria and Jordan.

## Cairo's anti-Israel campaign

GERALD STEINBERG

THE progress made in the peace process with Jordan and some other Arab states stands in sharp contrast to the growing hostility from Egypt. In international forums and regional meetings, Egyptian officials are working to isolate and weaken Israel, and this campaign has become a major obstacle in the overall peace process.

This Egyptian campaign is also threatening to block progress in the multilateral negotiations on arms control and regional security.

The Egyptian government's activities center on the issue of Israel's alleged nuclear capability and the 1995 conference on the extension of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). The Mubarak regime has demanded Israeli ratification of this document and an end to the policy of nuclear ambiguity.

In meetings of the UN General Assembly and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Egyptian representatives present one-sided resolutions demanding that Israel sign the NPT, while remaining silent on the Iraqi nuclear program.

In his visit to Israel at the end of August, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa focused exclusively on this issue. In every meeting and public appearance, Moussa demanded that Israel reverse its nuclear policy immediately, charging it is a major obstacle to regional peace.

Israeli leaders, regarding the NPT as inadequate for the preservation of security, have consistently rejected this pressure. For more than 25 years, Israeli nuclear ambiguity has been a stabilizing factor in the Middle East. This policy has prevented the Arab states from launching full-scale attacks that threaten Israel's existence, while also persuading Egypt, Jordan, and perhaps Syria to enter serious peace negotiations.

Egypt's campaign to strip Israel of this deterrent raises fears that instead of sincerely seeking peace, the Arab states have simply adopted new tactics to achieve their goal of destroying Israel.

The Egyptians are well aware of this background, as well as of the fact that the NPT has failed to prevent proliferation in the Middle East. Iraq and Libya are NPT signatories, but their leaders have ignored their obligations and IAEA safeguard requirements.

Iran, which is also an NPT signatory, is apparently attempting to develop nuclear weapons, and has recently threatened to withdraw from the treaty.

The Egyptian policy is thus clearly not based on substance. Rather, it constitutes a public-relations campaign designed to pressure and isolate Israel.

ISRAEL HAS not been silent in the face of this campaign. Government representatives note that nuclear weapons cannot be completely differentiated from the massive conventional and chemical arsenals of the Arab states, as well as their ballistic missiles.

Since the NPT framework does not provide a basis for mutual limitations of these weapons, Israel

policy-makers have proposed the development of a new regional structure, which must embrace all states, including Syria, Iran, Iraq and Libya, and cover all forms of weapons.

If Egyptian leaders are really interested in substantive arms control agreements, they would end their PR campaign, and work constructively with Israel. Ironically, the Egyptian government's blocking of progress in the regional negotiations has endangered the overall momentum of the peace process. Instead of acting as a bridge between Israel and the Arab world, Egypt has chosen to create obstacles.

**Instead of acting as a bridge, Egypt is creating obstacles**

The Mubarak government's policies have also led to a major rift between Cairo and Washington. US policy-makers have placed a high priority on the indefinite extension of the NPT, and most understand Israel's position that this is not the time to pressure it on this crucial issue. The US also recognizes that the Egyptian campaign and its efforts to gain the support of other states are a source of conflict in a very sensitive area, endangering the broader negotiating process.

In the past few days, there have been a few signs that the Egyptian government may be changing tactics, perhaps in response to warnings from the US and the lack of support from other governments. In the US, Egypt again introduced two resolutions focusing on this issue, but agreed to changes in the language that had the effect of softening the exclusive focus on Israel and the NPT.

For the first time, the resolution dealing with the creation of a Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone included a specific reference to the need to link this issue with the peace process, and also acknowledged the need for a regional framework.

However, these changes have not been reflected in other statements by the Egyptian government, and in Cairo, officials continue to press the anti-Israel campaign.

The five months before the opening of the NPT Extension Conference coincide with a critical period in the peace process and negotiations with Syria. If the Egyptian effort to isolate Israel continues, it could result in major damage to the process of confidence building in the region.

However, if Cairo has received the message and ends this campaign, while contributing to the extension of confidence building measures, the Mubarak government can again become a major bridge between Israel and the rest of the Middle East.

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Min. of Immigrant Absorption Tel Aviv University Medical Faculty School of Health Disciplines

Registration is announced for an Academic Course in Health Disciplines (physiotherapy, speech pathology and occupational therapy).

The course is of two years' duration, and will take place at Tel Aviv University. Immigrants who meet the following criteria are invited to register:

- Those holding a medical studies completion certificate, issued in Russia, and who have not received a license to practice in Israel.
  - Immigrants who came to this country after April 1992. Candidates should register and complete a questionnaire at Tel Aviv University, Sackler Medical Faculty, 9th floor, Room 923, Sunday to Thursday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- When registering, you will be required to show: University certificate (the original) attesting that you have studied at a university abroad, and a facsimile copy of the certificate.
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### Tsur plan to stabilize vegetable prices okayed

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday agreed to Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur's plan to stabilize vegetable prices, which includes automatic approval of imports when the price of a vegetable jumps to over 200 percent of production costs.

The plan also provides that if the price drops below 60% to 80% of the production costs, the government will pay half of the cost of removing the surplus in order to insure a minimum price to farmers.

The other half of the cost will be paid from the fees collected by the Vegetable Board.

The volume of imports will be determined according to the gap

JOSE ROSENFELD

between the available supply and demand.

The Agriculture Ministry agreed to prepare a detailed import contingency plan, which will include lists of approved source countries and rules importers need to follow. In this manner, imports will be effected quickly, allowing prices to moderate in a short period of time.

Regarding onions, carrots and potatoes, which can be stored for long periods, the ministry will assess the inventory available so that, if necessary, imports can be arranged far in advance of any shortage.

Tsur said that the program im-

plements the lessons learned during the recent produce-price crisis and insures sufficient vegetable production by local farmers. He said the past two months have proven that it is preferable to support local farmers than to rely on emergency imports.

The Treasury's agreement to Tsur's plan is a major turnaround. Earlier this week, Treasury Budget Director David Brodet attacked the plan as another way for compensating local farmers for imports from Gaza.

Earlier this year, the Treasury proposed, as part of its anti-inflation package, to automatically grant import licenses for produce when the average monthly price jumps more than 50%.

### Amoco, ENI join forces on Egyptian gas pipeline

NEIL COHEN and news agencies

TWO oil companies, Amoco of the United States and the Egyptian-based affiliate of Italy's ENI group, are setting up a joint venture with Egypt Gas to build a natural gas pipeline to the Israeli border, company officials said yesterday.

Both companies participated in the Jerusalem Business Conference which took place earlier this month.

The new company still needs approval from the Egyptian government's General Investment Organization, but one company official said he expected the first gas to flow to the Gaza Strip or Israel in late 1998 or early 1999.

At later stages extensions would take the gas to Jericho, Haifa and Lebanon, said the official.

Each of the three companies will have a one-third stake in the pipeline, which will carry gas produced in northeastern Egypt by Amoco and by International Egyptian Oil Company (IEOC),

the joint venture between ENI and the state-owned Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation, the officials added.

The plan to set up the company is the clearest sign yet that Egypt is gas exports to Israel will go ahead after months of talks between officials of the two governments.

Egyptian officials have previously said Egypt agreed to exports in principle but was still negotiating over prices and the quantities of natural gas Egypt can supply and Israel will buy.

Egyptian Oil Minister Hamdi Banbi said earlier this year that Israel had indicated it wanted to import about 280 million cubic feet of gas a day for 15 years.

The Arabic international newspaper *Al-Hayat* said the pipeline company would have an initial capital of up to \$150m, and that the 250 km pipeline would cost \$300m.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Shohat extends rent exemption:** Finance Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday decided to extend the tax exemption on rental income until the end of 1997. Under the exemption, landlords do not have to pay income tax on up to NIS 4,000 in rent. The decision is aimed at encouraging landlords to rent apartments for longer terms.

**Court to rule on Gal Law decision:** The Supreme Court, in a panel of nine justices, is to decide Sunday whether to uphold the Gal District Court's overturning of an amendment to the Gal Law on agricultural debt. The lower court decision marked the first time a law passed by the Knesset had been invalidated by a court.

The lower court had accepted the contention of the Credit Services company that its value was damaged by the amendment, which forgave part of the agricultural sector's debt.

**'Take privatization away from politicians':** An independent authority to determine a timetable for privatization, prices and methods should be established, Chambers of Commerce president Dan Gillerman said yesterday.

Gillerman sharply criticized the sale of Bank Mizrahi, "The drawn out process of the... sale is a travesty," he said.

**Bezek looks to future with Netcom deal:** Bezek's purchase of 25 percent of Netcom's stock yesterday is a clear indication of the telecommunications company's strategic aims during the coming years, according to Bezek director-general Yitzhak Kaul.

**Stock manipulation of Maof suspected:** The Knesset Finance Committee's capital markets subcommittee yesterday demanded an immediate investigation by the Securities Authority into the possibility of stock manipulation on the Maof market. Chairman Silvan Shalom (Likud) said there had been persistent rumors of such antics, and warned that the recent decline in trading volume would make manipulation much easier.

### Self-fulfilling prophecy

COMMENT  
 NEIL COHEN

THE TASE's sharp fall can be attributed to a number of factors. Indeed - that investors are convinced the imposition of a capital gains tax spells doom and gloom is only one reason for the decline. However, this may be prove to be a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Certainly, some market pros will lose out. Small investors will be deterred from trading frequently and will make fewer investments. Those that they make they will likely hold for longer. They will also incline towards investments in provident funds which will not be taxed.

The net result of this will be that turnover will fall and brokerages, and to a lesser extent the banks, will find it harder to make the largely risk-free profits they have enjoyed during the bourse's bull run. There will be fewer public offerings as underwriters find it tougher to place paper of dubious quality. Liquidity, especially in the smaller and more speculative issues, will drop further than it has already. There will probably be more merger activity than there

has in the past. And this is not a bad thing, since the need to compete for capital makes firms leaner and meaner. The necessity to invest for the long term will bring sanity and stability to the market.

Yet, the interest of most of those people moaning and groaning about the tax is best served by the market ending 1994 at the highest level possible, since that will be the base cost from which their profits and tax liability will be calculated.

While company insiders have been taking advantage of the weak market to pick up stock, this has little effect on the market and this picture seems unlikely to change.

But when the market recovers, as it surely will, people will wind up paying more tax than they would have if they had approached the tax with greater equanimity. They will have only themselves to blame.

### PACKAGE DEALS

The idea of a package deal is not new. The Japanese have tinkered with various versions for some time, more to boost the flagging stock market than to help moaning businessmen. Despite the odd call for one, no one seriously contemplated a devaluation of the yen despite its overvaluation, at least on a purchasing power parity basis.

The likelihood of a deal going ahead increased this week. Apart from the finance minister saying that a deal was close, the moans of the business lobby redoubled with the imposition of the stock market tax. The government will therefore be feeling a lot of pressure to throw some kind of morsel to these powerful men. The deal, which is little more than a subsidy to industry, would cut the cost-of-living increase paid by employers to their workers, with workers compensated by paying a lower health tax.

Coincidentally, a number of Japanese companies heavily dependent on exports, including Sharp and Mitsubishi Electric, yesterday reported sharply higher earnings. To be fair, there are Japanese exporters who are facing a real struggle with the high yen. But many have responded to the challenge to cut their production costs and hence protect their profitability, having grown complacent during a period of super-cheap capital. Despite the expensive yen and the cheap dollar the Japanese still have a huge trade surplus with the US.

We have been through a similar period, which appears to be ending. World economies are coming out of recession, local demand is strong. The manufacturers should take a leaf out of the Japanese book and clean up their own act before coming to the taxpayer for a handout.

### Final bids for Mizrahi acquisition still unclear

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CONCLUSION of United Mizrahi Bank's final sale stage remained unclear last night as the two consortiums participating in the tender sale were reluctant to say whether they would pay the government's \$110 million minimum price for controlling interest in the bank.

The Ofer-Wertheim and Akrov-Steinmetz groups were scheduled to inform MI Holdings, the government-owned company in charge of the sale process, if they are prepared to bid over \$110m, for 26% of Mizrahi's shares. The announcement was expected to arrive in writing to MI Holdings by 5:00 p.m. yesterday.

It was unclear yesterday whether the consortiums are willing to agree to the new tender conditions. Gil Leidner, managing director of MI Holdings, was unavailable for comment. Reports said the Ofer-Wertheim group was prepared to offer the government about \$100m, for Mizrahi at the start of this week, while the Akrov-Steinmetz group consortium was willing to offer about one million dollars more.

### Koor earnings down 13.1%, Clal Industries profits fall 9.2%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK and RACHEL NEIMAN

KOOR Industries yesterday reported a 13.1 percent drop in third-quarter net profits, to NIS 53 million, from NIS 61m. in the corresponding period last year.

The drop in earnings was mainly due to the fall in Koor's profits from subsidiary companies, mainly Shalom and Tambour. Net profits for the first nine months of the year fell 21.8% to NIS 294m., from NIS 376m. during the same

period last year.

In the third quarter, sales increased 17.3% to NIS 2.16 billion, from NIS 1.84b. in the same period last year. The rise in sales was mainly due to the inclusion of Grant's sales into the consolidated financial statements. Total sales increased 15.8% in the first nine months of the year, to NIS 6.74 billion from NIS 5.82 billion in the same period last year.

In the first nine months of the year, Koor's exports grew 20.4%, to \$684m. Operating profits fell to NIS 606m. in the first nine months of the year, from NIS 602m. in the same period last year.

Clal Industries has announced a 9.2% drop in 1994 third-quarter net profits, to NIS 45.3 million, as compared with net profits of NIS 49.9m in the third quarter of 1993.

Net profits for the nine-month period, at NIS 91.2m. were 34% lower than the NIS 138m. reported in the comparative period last year. Revenues for the nine months ending September 30, 1994, were NIS 2.4 billion, as compared with NIS 1.5b. in corresponding period last year.

The dramatic growth in revenues was due to consolidation of several subsidiary companies in Clal Industries' quarterly report.

### IEC third-quarter profits fall to NIS 178m.

COMPANY RESULTS  
 GALIT LIPKIS BECK and RACHEL NEIMAN

THE Israel Electric Corp. (IEC) yesterday reported a fall in third-quarter net profits to NIS 178 million, from NIS 195m. in the same period last year.

In the first nine months of the year, net profits grew 24 percent to NIS 314m., from NIS 253.5m.

IEC Chairman Adi Amorai said the company achieved good results despite the 7.8% real drop in electricity prices during the nine-month period compared with 1993.

La Nationale Insurance yesterday reported an 18% increase in third-quarter net profits to NIS 11.8m., from NIS 10m. in the same period last year.

For the first nine months of the year, net profits rose to NIS 40.9m., from NIS 39m. Annualized net return on equity was 28.2%.

Bank Messad, a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, yesterday reported a 51% increase in third-quarter net profits, to NIS 2.9m. from NIS 1.9m. last year.

In the first nine months of the year, net profits rose 86% to

NIS 9.4m. from NIS 5m. Annualized net return on equity increased to 25% from 13% last year.

Gilbor Sabrina reported third-quarter net profits of NIS 237,000 compared with NIS 2.6m. in the same period last year. Revenues were NIS 56.1m., up from NIS 52.4m. in 1993. Earnings per share were NIS 0.03 compared with NIS 0.34.

The company had net losses of NIS 49m. for the nine-month period compared with NIS 8.7m. in 1993, on revenues of NIS 157.2m. compared with NIS 157.3m.

Cyalim reported third-quarter net profits of NIS 10.4m. compared with NIS 6.3m. in the same period last year. Revenues were NIS 88.4m., up from NIS 68.2m. in 1993. Earnings per share were NIS 0.58 compared with NIS 0.36.

Nine-month net profits were NIS 24.3m. compared with NIS 15.6m. on revenues of NIS 218.3m., down from NIS 254.2m. in 1993. Earnings per share were NIS 1.37 compared with NIS 2.09.

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Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (25.11.94)				
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	
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Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.375	4.075	4.825	
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.250	4.500	
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.875	3.000	3.375	
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.675	1.250	

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (24.11.94)				
Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Banknotes	Rep. Parity
U.S. dollar	3.3200	3.4070	2.95	3.3255
German mark	3.0125	3.0554	2.95	3.0370
French franc	1.9250	1.9524	1.92	1.9525
Japanese yen (100)	4.7137	4.7802	4.62	4.7468
Swiss franc	0.5837	0.5916	0.58	0.5880
British pound (100)	3.0250	3.1025	3.01	3.115
Dutch florin	1.7201	1.7504	1.70	1.7405
Swiss franc	2.2848	2.3170	2.24	2.3016
Swedish krona	0.4045	0.4105	0.40	0.4091
Norwegian krona	0.4421	0.4483	0.43	0.4455
Danish krona	0.4943	0.5013	0.49	0.4982
Finland mark	0.5336	0.5426	0.53	0.5382
Canadian dollar	2.1188	2.1717	2.15	2.2258
Australian dollar	2.2833	2.3574	2.23	2.3068
South African rand	0.8513	0.8554	0.75	0.8657
Belgian franc (10)	0.9469	0.9542	0.93	0.9489
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7445	2.7833	2.70	2.7709
Italian lire (1000)	1.8737	1.9001	1.83	1.8887
Japanese yen	0.0000	0.0000	0.00	0.0000
Egyptian pound	0.0000	0.0000	0.00	0.0000
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Irish punt	4.6482	4.7145	4.54	4.6241
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Tenders must be submitted to the Association's offices no later than 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 1995.

A site visit has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on December 12, 1994, starting from the offices of the Association. A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on December 20, 1994 at the Association's offices.

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- The US equity market has broken down through important support levels, driven initially by program selling. The long T-bond, on the other hand, has attracted investment support, with the yield falling below the 8% level and holding there. There is concern that the last interest rate rise will hit corporate earnings in 1995 and 1996, and the Republican program is also thought to be "undoubtedly" for equities. Thanksgiving Day now interrupts the precipitate fall, and provides scope for the other equity markets to rally from oversold.
- The UK FT-SE 100 index broke upwards out of the pattern, as we mentioned last week, but was unable to sustain the move in the face of US equity weakness. The pattern collapsed and the index broke down through significant support areas without attracting buyers. The UK gilt market has been relatively strong in front of the Budget on Tuesday, which is expected to announce reduced interest for public borrowing for this year and next. Any rally in the UK market is likely to prove short-lived, and we are advising our clients to proceed with caution, at least until the Budget.
- In the Asia Pacific Region, the sharp fall on Wall Street filtered through the regional markets. Hong Kong suffered one of its biggest one day falls this year, closing 372 pts. down at 8576 after reaching 8580 in the early trading. It was rumored that Li Ka Shing was active in the market yesterday, buying substantial quantities of Cheung Kong and Hutchison Whampoa. The Hang Seng will continue to be influenced by the direction of Wall Street. Singapore traded off its lows for the day, closing at 2218, as bargain hunters moved into the market to buy quality blue chips. DBS Bank (S\$4.50) and Keppel Shipyard (S\$11.50) are both quality stocks which we have been buying. Kuala Lumpur followed the regional trend and should encounter support currently at 950-1000. Our recommendation of September 04, Pan Malaysian Industries (MYR2.80), reported first half pre-tax profits up 285% to MYR23.7m, against the full year forecast of MYR12.0m. We are in the process of upgrading our full year profit estimates, and PII should attract interest at current levels.
- The South African Industrials market has resumed its bullish run closing at a new high for the year on Tuesday at 6584. While stocks in the market appear to be fairly valued, foreign buying has persisted, and good progress has been seen in the banks, especially First National (SAR25.00) and SBIC (SAR117.00).

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## Hevrat Ha'ovdim meeting goes nowhere

THE convention of Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, adjourned yesterday without passing any legal resolutions, for lack of the 1,000-delegate quorum required to make any changes in the Histadrut constitution.

The convention, attended by only 440 out of the 1,500 delegates, was convened to decide whether to sell Histadrut proper-

ties, such as Bank Hapoalim and Koor, to pay its debts to Kupat Holim and other creditors.

To do this, however, this requires a change in the Histadrut's constitution, for which a minimum of 1,000 delegates is needed.

However, changing the constitution to sell off Histadrut assets might itself be illegal and may not be approved by the registrar of

## MICHAEL YUDELMAN

cooperative associations. This is because the Histadrut's assets belong to all its members, and are not the property of the Histadrut leadership to sell.

Although it accomplished nothing, the meeting was a stormy one, with sharp verbal attacks exchanged by Histadrut Chairman

Haim Ramon and leaders of Labor's Histadrut faction. At one point, when a furious Ramon rose to answer criticism voiced by Personnel Section Head Meir Gatt, most of Labor's delegates rose and left the already half-empty hall. They did not return for the vote.

This is the second time the convention has met on this issue. The first time, in September, a resolution

to sell the companies was passed, but was rejected by the registrar of cooperative associations, as a quorum was not present at that meeting, either.

The convention will be convened for a third time on December 5. This time, according to regulations, any amount of delegates can pass resolutions changing the constitution.

## Friedman, Tshuva vie for 'Davar,' 'Al Hamishar'

## MICHAEL YUDELMAN

FRENCH millionaire Jean Friedman and Netanyahu businessman Yitzhak Tshuva are vying for ownership of the daily newspapers *Davar* and *Al Hamishar*, which are both on the verge of closure.

Friedman and Tshuva are reportedly aiming to purchase the two newspapers and to merge them into one.

This week, Friedman confirmed he was holding negotiations with the Histadrut and *Davar's* action committee over purchasing the paper, on condition that the Histadrut honors all its obligations to the newspaper and its workers. Friedman was referring to the Histadrut's agreement to continue to subsidize the newspaper for three to four years and pay NIS 25 million in severance.

Tshuva, who was the "most serious" candidate to buy *Davar* according to Ramon, reportedly lost interest in the project more than a month ago. Later, he was reported to have almost closed a deal with Hakibbutz Ha'artzi over buying the controlling interest in *Al Hamishar*. After Tshuva dropped out of the picture, Ramon rejected

the *Davar* action committee's bid and the paper's closure next month appeared inevitable.

However, after it became known that Friedman was seriously thinking of buying *Davar*, Tshuva renewed his interest in the project, *Davar* sources said.

Whoever buys *Davar*, the sources stressed, will have to accept the role of strategic investor, while the workers, as represented by the action committee, will be the owners and operators. "Ramon has said he would give the bid from *Davar's* workers priority. How will he look in public if he sells *Davar* to private hands, after rejecting the workers' bid?" one source asked.

*Davar's* union entered this week into negotiations with Ramon and Histadrut leaders over severance and pension settlements in case the newspaper closes down or a group of journalists is forced to leave. Until two days ago, a *Davar* union member said, Ramon refused to talk to the union about these issues, claiming the Histadrut neither owns *Davar* nor is it directly responsible for it.

## 200 women hold protest march against violence

## RAINE MARCUS

RAIN did not dampen the spirit of some 200 women who marched through the streets of Tel Aviv last night protesting violence against women.

Waving banners reading "My body belongs to me" and "The place of a violent man is not in the home, but in jail," the women, and a handful of men, chanted anti-violence slogans.

Seventeen women have been killed by their husbands since the beginning of the year, and women's organizations estimate that 105 have been murdered by abusive partners since 1991.

The police do not keep statistics

on such killings, but figures are recorded by women's organizations based on articles in the press. This morning, the Israeli Association for the Victims of Sexual Violence is organizing an event at Tel Aviv's Tzavta club to mark International Day for the Struggle Against Violence Against Women. The event will feature a documentary film on incest, poetry readings by victims of violence, a therapy group for incest victims, and speeches by women who have been abused. Called "Women Break the Silence," it is scheduled to take place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## DERI

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The source noted that Meretz is likely to mount stiff opposition to each status quo bill as it comes up, and Shas will have no proof of Labor's commitment to support it. But it was argued in Labor that the party is unlikely to go back on its word if it wants to keep Shas in the coalition.

Meanwhile, Deri admitted yesterday that Labor MK Rafi Edri had helped him raise funds for his legal defense against corruption charges. At a gathering of the Israeli chapter of the Association of Moroccan Jews, Deri described

how Edri put him in touch with rich Jews of Moroccan extraction from whom he eventually elicited contributions, "after they became convinced of the justice of my case."

The political arena had long been rife with rumors that Edri, a key figure in Labor's attempts to woo Shas back to the coalition, is helping Deri finance his legal expenses.

Edri was not delighted about Deri's admission and commented that "Deri doesn't need my connections; he's got plenty of his own."

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Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak (center) visits a production workshop during a tour arranged by the Quartermaster's Branch. Barak, who ends his tenure on January 1, has begun making farewell visits to various IDF facilities. (IDF Spokesman)

## 'Sh'hur' wins best Israel film award

## RACHEL NEIMAN

THERE were no lines of cars or screaming fans, but the Israeli film industry last night crowded into the brightly lit foyer of Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium for the 1994 Israeli Film Academy awards.

Of the 12 movies competing, three walked off with most of the prizes.

*Sh'hur* won best film, best director (Shmuel Hasfari), and best actress (Ronit Alkabetz). It was also cited for best art direction and cinematography.

Smicha Hashmalit (Electric

Blanket) won the award for best screenplay, best actor (Shmuel Ben-Ari), and best supporting actor (Amos Lavi).

Tzaleker (Scar) won best original score, best soundtrack, and best costume design.

Best supporting actress went to Orli Silberschatz in *Shirat Hasirana* (The Siren's Song).

Kestner won best TV drama, and a lifetime achievement award went to Menashe Golan for his contribution to the Israeli film industry.

## Changes made in Deri prosecution

Attorney Zvi Kleng has left the prosecution team in the trial of former interior minister Aryeh Deri, who is charged with fraud and breach of trust.

Prosecution head Yehoshua Resnik yesterday denied that Kleng's departure was related to disagreement among the prosecution team regarding the testimony of former Justice Ministry official Pli Albeck.

in which Shamgar was in the majority should be overturned? The current agreement, elaborated Shamgar, is no different, because in both cases, decisions would be made on the basis of one particular factor, to the exclusion of all others that might be relevant.

"The problem isn't the [circumvention of the] court," he said. "The problem is that there are fundamental values which are enshrined in our basic laws." All of these values must be taken into account in any decision, he stressed.

The six petitioners - including the Movement for Quality Government in Israel, Amital - Citizens for Good Government, Tzomet, the Israel Women's Network, the Conservative and Reform movements, and Tel Aviv attorney Ze'ev Weiner - advanced a number of claims beside this central argument, to which the judges also appeared unsympathetic.

For instance, attorney Eliad Shraga of Quality Government tried to argue that another section of the agreement - a promise to amend the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom - should also be illegal, because basic laws are meant to protect certain fundamental rights that should not be tampered with.

"It's forbidden to amend a basic law?" retorted Goldberg. "They think there's an important value called the status quo... and to preserve it, they need to change this law."

## COALITION

ernment's political judgment," he said.

"A coalition agreement which promises to overturn any High Court ruling... on a given subject - doesn't such an agreement violate public norms?" Goldberg added.

Lorch protested that political parties, unlike the government, do have the right to bind themselves in advance - that is what factional discipline is all about. And the aim - preservation of the status quo - is a worthwhile one which virtually all governments have supported.

If a particular piece of legislation resulting from the agreement appears to be improper, that would be the time to petition the court, he said.

"It's a legitimate goal, but you've formulated the agreement in an illegitimate fashion," retorted Cheshin.

The justices also attacked government attorney Osnat Mandel when she tried to defend the Ben-Yair's.

"We are giving super-status to the status quo," she admitted. "But isn't the legislature permitted to say that from now on, we are giving preference to different values... if they are [also] for the public good?"

Would she, responded Barak, think it appropriate to sign a coalition agreement saying any ruling

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# Daniel leads Maccabi past Real

JOEL GORDIN

MACCABI Tel Aviv bounced back to glory days last night with a heartwarming 93-85 win over Real Madrid at Yad Eliyahu. It was Maccabi's first win in the European Club Championships' final pool, after the losses to PAOK Saloniki (at home) and to Panathinaikos (in Greece).

The hero was Motti Daniel, who came off the bench to score 26 points, second only in the game to the legendary Latvian giant Arvidas Sabonis who did not disappoint with 28.

Maccabi started well and kept control of the pace of the game. Playmaker Guy Goodes moved fast, assisting Doron Jamchee to get some early points. However, it soon became apparent that Sabonis was no lightweight and the bear-like Latvian shot baskets from any point on the court.

Meanwhile, Maccabi coach Muli Kazurin had taken Daniel off the bench earlier than usual and the mercurial "sixth man" scored fast to keep the Israelis in the

fight. The ability to score points exactly when needed was something Daniel repeated throughout the game. In addition to Sabonis, Maccabi was having trouble with the other center, Antonio Martin, who penetrated a few times through the faltering defense to score from under the boards.

However, what Maccabi was lacking in technique it made up in enthusiasm and its fighting spirit never allowed the Spaniards to break away to an overwhelming lead.

Doron Jamchee improved after a slow start, and right on the half-time buzzer he sank four points in a row when Maccabi was awarded a technical foul after a Spaniard had something nasty to say about one of the referees.

This helped Maccabi trim Madrid's halftime lead to 49-47. Maccabi, in fact, could have been well ahead if not for its poor free-throw average (only eight of 13).

But in the end, ironically, Maccabi won the game with excellent free-throw shooting. Throughout the second half the team was on top of the Spaniards and it came into the final minute 87-83 ahead. Madrid had no option but to stop the clock with fouls, but first Radoslaw Curcic, then Guy Goodes shot straight and true.

On the other side, Jose Burukov and Jose Laso both fired wild. John Arlauskas and Jamchee added a basket for each side to make the final score 93-85.

For Maccabi, Daniel is maintaining the red-hot form he showed on the tour with the national team in Europe.

Jamchee (20 points) did all that was expected while Henefeld (14) kept fighting despite his knee injury. Goodes has improved and is definitely better than the No. 2 playmaker Yisrael Elimelech who was kept on court too long in the first half. Curcic tried valiantly in

his tough role of defending Sabonis. Norris Coleman disappointed. For Madrid, Sabonis effortlessly sank 28, Arlauskas 23.

The 7,000 crowd was thrilled by a great game of basketball and a glimpse of what the Israeli champions can achieve if it keeps up the fighting spirit.

The fourth game next week will be in Italy against Scavolini Pesaro.

In other action in Maccabi's group, CSKA Moscow defeated Panathinaikos 77-70, Scavolini Pesaro beat Ljubljana 81-75, and PAOK Saloniki downed Benfica Lisbon, 74-68.

## European Club Championships

Group A	W	L	Pts.
1. CSKA Moscow	3	0	6
2. Real Madrid	2	1	4
3. Scavolini Pesaro	2	1	4
4. PAOK Saloniki	1	2	2
5. Panathinaikos	1	2	2
6. Olimpia Ljubljana	0	3	0
7. Maccabi Tel Aviv	0	3	0
8. Benfica Lisbon	0	3	0

# Taylor looks to spin for Ashes first Test

BRISBANE (Reuter) - Australian captain Mark Taylor indicated yesterday he would play two spinners, Shane Warne and Tim May, in his attempt to extend England's Ashes woes in the first cricket Test starting in Brisbane today.

The pitch at the Gabba ground traditionally favors fast bowlers, but it looks unusually dry and is expected to take turn as the match wears on.

On the eve of the Ashes series, Taylor told reporters there was a "strong possibility" May would partner leg spinner Warne at the expense of one of the pace bowlers.

The pair shared 52 wickets in 1993 when the touring Australians routed their traditional foes 4-1 to win their third straight Ashes series.

Warne captured 34 of those wickets but credited much of his success to May's ability to tie down batsmen with his accurate off-breaks.

"They bowled well in tandem in England last year and helped create good pressure," Taylor said. "Both are in good form with the ball too, with Tim taking 10 wickets for South Australia against Western Australia in Perth recently," he added.

If May is selected, it is expected pace bowler Damien Fleming will be omitted.

England has chosen its team, but refused yesterday to name it. "We don't see why we should give the Australians our line-up now to let them prepare accordingly," said team manager Keith Fletcher.

Debates among England tour selectors has revolved around whether Mike Gatting or John Crawley should bat at number six. Crawley was thought to be favored, but there were indications as England practiced yesterday



FACING THE TEST - Australian captain Mark Taylor is deep in thought during a team practice at the Gabba yesterday in Brisbane. (AP)

morning that captain Mike Atherton may opt for Mike Gatting's experience.

"I think it's important to have the experience of winning and that's why people like Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting were chosen for the tour in the first place," Atherton said.

Gatting, 37, led England to an

Ashes win in Australia in 1986-87 but has been out of form for most of the trip, managing only 170 runs in eight innings. Crawley has scored 207 runs in his eight innings.

England will be missing fast bowler Devon Malcolm who was struck down with chicken pox on Tuesday.

# Rockets fall again as Shaq leads Magic

ORLANDO (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal scored 30 points and Anfernee Hardaway had 29 points, nine rebounds and a career-high seven steals Wednesday night as the Orlando Magic handed the Houston Rockets their second consecutive defeat.

The triumph was the fifth straight for Orlando. Houston had opened the season with nine consecutive victories.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets, who lost to Portland on Tuesday night, with 27 points and 10 rebounds.

Jazz 113, SuperSonics 103

Jeff Hornacek sank an NBA-record 8-of-9 3-pointers and finished with a career-high 40 points in host Utah's win.

Hornacek hit all three of his long-range shots in the first period, then repeated the performance in the third quarter. He sank both of his attempts in the final period to break the old mark of 7-of-7 3-pointers set by Terry Porter in 1992 and tied by Sam Perkins in 1993.

Karl Malone added 29 points for Utah, while Sarunas Marciulionis led the Sonics with 21 points.

Suns 140, Clippers 109

Rookie Wesley Person scored 19 points as all 10 available Phoenix players scored to hand the winless Clippers their 11th consecutive loss.

Danny Schayes had 17 points, Danny Manning added 15 and Danny Ainge 11 points and 12 assists. Lamond Murray led the Clippers with 30 points.

The Suns won their fifth home this season. They had only 10 players for the game because of injuries to Kevin Johnson, Wayman Tisdale and Charles Barkley.

Celtics 98, Hornets 91

Dee Brown's 24 points sparked the host Celtics, who took a 26-point lead late in the third quarter, then held on.

Boston overcame an outstanding performance by Alonzo Mourning, who had 36 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks and led the Hornets back into the game.

After the Celtics took a 86-60 lead, the Hornets rallied to pull to 94-87 with 2:55 to go. Charlotte made one last charge as Mourning's dunk closed the game.

Currently coach of Deportivo Mandiyu, which is last in the Argentine first division, Maradona has repeatedly expressed his frustration at not being able to play.

His worldwide soccer ban expires in September 1995.

# Renowned karate expert to lecture at Israel Museum

AN internationally renowned karate instructor will give an exhibition/lecture on the aesthetics and power of karate at the Israel Museum on Sunday at 19:00.

The talk, under the auspices of the Japanese Culture Club, is set to coincide with the Museum's current exhibition of Japanese Art.

score to 96-89 with 44 seconds remaining. Darrin Hancock stole the ball and Johnson's layup cut the lead to five points with 34 seconds left. Johnson was fouled on the play, but missed the free throw.

Nuggets 113, Bulls 111

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left boosted host Denver to victory. Abdul-Rauf, who came off the bench to score 19 points, ended a duel down the stretch between Chicago's Scottie Pippen and Denver's Rodney Rogers.

B.J. Armstrong's 16-foot jumper had given the Bulls a 111-110 lead with 4.6 seconds remaining. Abdul-Rauf then took Reggie Williams' inbound pass at midcourt and got off a shot over Armstrong.

Rogers finished with a career-high 31 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter. Pippen had 29, including 15 in the final stanza.

Nets 103, Kings 98

Armon Gilliam scored 24 points, including two free throws with 34.3 seconds left, to help New Jersey end a six-game road losing streak.

Mitch Richmond scored 17 of his 27 points in the second half for the Kings, who led 75-74 after three quarters but made only two of their first nine shots in the fourth period.

Derrick Coleman had 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Nets. Walt Williams added 18 points for the Kings.

Lakers 118, Mavericks 106

Vlade Divac scored 27 points and Cedric Ceballos added 24 to lead the host Lakers' seventh consecutive victory over Dallas.

The Mavericks were led by Jamal Mashburn's 29 points and 27 by Jim Jackson.

The Lakers led 87-77 going into the final period and Dallas never got closer than eight points.

Dallas center Roy Tarpley made his first start since November 9, 1990, and wound up with just four points on 2-of-11 shots from the field. Tarpley was reinstated this season after being

banned for violating the NBA drug policy.

Heat 100, Cavaliers 87

Glen Rice sparked a third-period rally and finished with 30 points as host Miami snapped a three-game losing streak.

Rice scored five points during a 9-2 run that gave the Heat a 75-60 lead with 3:05 left in the third period. Miami was never threatened after that, leading by as much as 21 and maintaining

an advantage of at least nine points the rest of the way.

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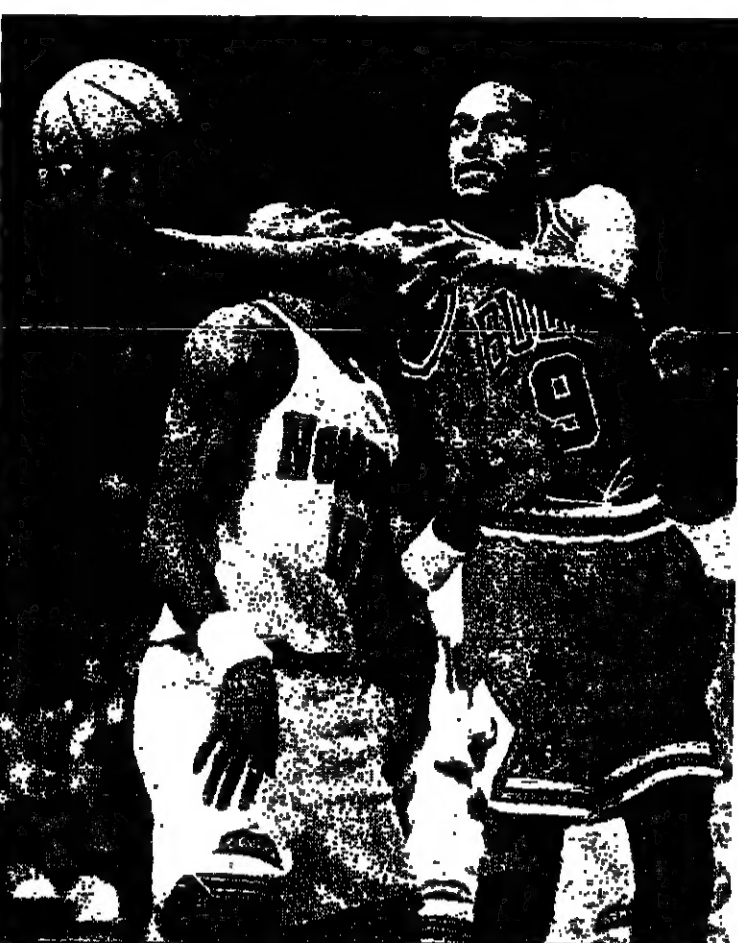
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ON THE FLY - Chicago Bulls' guard Ron Harper drives past Denver Nuggets' center Dikembe Mutombo for a reverse layup attempt on Wednesday. (Reuter)

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Houston	9	2	.818
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Utah	6	5	.545
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Minnesota	1	10	.091

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W	L	Pct.	GB
Golden State	7	2	.778
Phoenix	7	3	.700
Portland	5	4	.556
Utah	5	5	.500
Seattle	5	5	.500
Sacramento	4	4	.500
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# Manager-less Leicester beats Arsenal

LONDON (AP) - One day after its manager quit, Leicester leaped out of the bottom spot in the Premier League with a 2-1 victory Wednesday over Arsenal.

Ian Ormondroyd and David Lowe scored as the Foxes registered only their third league victory of the season in front of a sold-out crowd of 20,774 at Filbert Street.

On Tuesday, manager Brian Little, the favorite to take over at Aston Villa, abruptly resigned from the club. Assistant Alan Evans took charge for Wednesday's match.

Ormondroyd scored in the 16th minute, putting in his own rebound after Arsenal goalkeeper David Seaman had blocked the striker's header.

Lowe's winner came in the 28th minute when he knocked in Nicky Mohan's crossing header.

In another Premier League game, Tottenham and Chelsea played to a scoreless draw at White Hart Lane.

# Ferguson must lift demoralized Man Utd

LONDON (Reuter) - Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson will need all his powers of motivation to lift his dejected team and ensure a seventh successive Premier League victory at Arsenal tomorrow.

United was comprehensively outplayed by IFK Gothenburg 3-1 in a Champions' League defeat in Sweden on Wednesday and faces an Arsenal side determined to return to winning form after two successive defeats which its manager George Graham admits has effectively ended its title hopes.

United is bidding for its third successive English title and goes to Highbury as league leader after winning its last six league matches.

Arsenal, with hot-shot striker Ian Wright back from suspension and bidding to score for the 13th successive match, will be hoping that the gloom that descended on United in Sweden will persist - and that it can beat United for the first time in a league match for 3 1/2 years.

The Arsenal-United match is

one of five London versus Lancashire battles with second-placed Blackburn facing Queen's Park Rangers; fourth-placed Liverpool playing Tottenham, sixth-placed Chelsea playing Everton and Manchester City, which have risen to eighth, facing Wimbledon.

If United should slip up at Arsenal, Blackburn, which has won its last five league and cup games, can go top if it beats QPR. But the London side started off strong under new player-manager Ray Wilkins with a 3-2 win over Leeds last week.

Liverpool, which lost 1-0 to Everton on Monday, will be hoping to get straight back to winning form against Tottenham, which has only won twice in the league at Liverpool in 82 years.

Tottenham will take some comfort from its first clean-sheet in 18 matches this season in Wednesday's 0-0 draw against Chelsea.

If both United and Blackburn fail, third-placed Newcastle will return to the top if it beats bottom-of-the-table Ipswich as expected at St. James' Park.

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# Holyfield gets medical OK to fight again

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) - Evander Holyfield is healthy enough to fight again, just as he claimed.

The 32-year-old heavyweight, diagnosed as having a heart condition after his loss of the WBA and IBF titles to Michael Moorer last April, received medical clearance yesterday from the Mayo Clinic.

Holyfield is in "excellent health," said Mike O'Hara, a spokesman for the hospital.

After losing a majority decision to Moorer on April 22, Holyfield was diagnosed as having a "stiff heart," a non-compliant left ventricle that prevents sufficient oxygen from being pumped to muscles and tissues.

Holyfield, who was hospitalized for a few days

after his loss to Moorer, announced his retirement April 26.

In June, Holyfield said he had been cured by a faith healer and was considering fighting again. Later that month, doctors at Crawford Long Hospital at Atlanta said they found some improvement in Holyfield's heart condition.

Holyfield won the undisputed heavyweight championship with a third-round knockout of Buster Douglas in 1990 and lost it on points to Riddick Bowe in 1992. He regained the WBA and IBF titles on a decision over Bowe on November 6, 1993, then lost them to Moorer.

## SCOREBOARD

WEIGHTLIFTING - Russia's Aleksey Petrov set a world match record in the 91 kg category at the World Weightlifting Championships yesterday, lifting 186 kg.

Petrov bested the record of 185.5 set by Georgia's Kakhi Kakhiashvili on September 17, 1994.

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### Secular-haredi protest expected again tonight

Meretz activists and haredim are expected to square off near Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan tonight, when haredim will demonstrate to close the road to Shabbat traffic and Meretz activists will protest to keep it open.

Over 20 secular Jews were arrested last Friday while taking part in an illegal demonstration on the road. Three haredim were arrested the next day for throwing rocks at passing cars.

This time the Meretz activists received a permit to protest, but only on condition that they hold the demonstration at a distance from the haredi neighborhoods.

Jerusalem Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said a large police contingent will be on hand to keep the two groups apart.

# Rubinstein: South Tel Aviv schools improving

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE extensive funds and human resources being pumped into education in Tel Aviv's southern neighborhoods are beginning to show dividends, with a decrease in the dropout rate and an increase in the number of pupils doing *bagrut* examinations, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said yesterday.

He was speaking during a tour of the Rogozin, Kedma and Alliance schools in the Hatikva and Jaffa neighborhoods, accompanied by Mayor Ronni Milo and Deputy Mayor Avigdor Kahalani who is in charge of the education portfolio.

"The emphasis is on giving the weaker sectors of the population the chance to decide what is good for them, instead of accepting the

dictates of officials," Rubinstein said, referring to previous attempts to force integration by busing pupils to schools in north Tel Aviv. "The parents and the children report that they are satisfied. We have put an academic emphasis into the schools in the southern quarters."

Sheli, a 10th grader at the Rogozin High School which had been the scene of fights over integration in previous years, yesterday said she had "chosen to come here. I like learning here." She said the pupils "get a lot of extra help from teachers and students who tutor us in small groups."

Zohar, who came to Israel from Georgia a year ago, expressed his satisfaction with the school in fluent Hebrew and said he had felt

the need to Hebraize his name so it would be easier for his friends to pronounce it.

But, in a special, small class for immigrants who will do *bagrut* examinations this year, Rubinstein heard that the main problems were "Bible - which we never studied in the CIS - and the attitude of the veteran Israelis who don't reach out to the olim."

At the entrance to the controversial Kedma school, deep puddles had formed in the playground. The school houses three homogenous seventh-grade classes and is well equipped but is clearly having some problems. Six of the original 75 pupils have dropped out and some of the pu-

pils previously studied in special education frameworks.

Rubinstein, speaking informally to the pupils, said he had no problems with the school's emphasis on Oriental culture, provided that it was open to children of all backgrounds. "We should try to keep all our traditions in a pluralistic society," he said.

Meital, one of the pupils, read out a peace poem and asked Rubinstein when there would be exchanges of pupils with Jordan. But Yossi complained to Rubinstein about his classmate Shuki who, he said, gave the teachers non-stop headaches. "He's always causing a *balagan* in the classroom," Yossi said.

Osher, on the other hand, said he felt he had good chances of

getting a full *bagrut* in a special framework like Kedma. "Then I'll be able to get any job I want when I grow up."

"It is up to you to prove yourselves so that more classes can be added to the school next year," Kahalani told the pupils. As for the teachers, representatives of the parents heaped praise on them, saying they were an example to all the teachers in the country and gave unstintingly of their time.

The mayor called on the government not to rest on its laurels and to increase funding for the low-income neighborhoods. "We have taken risks in opening up these new frameworks," Milo said, "but the greater the risk, the greater the chances for success."

## Report: Haifa cement mixer accident could have been prevented

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Haifa accident in which four people were crushed to death by a cement mixer earlier this week, could have been prevented had an authorized supervisor or contractor been present, a Labor and Social Affairs Ministry interim report has determined.

A final report will be issued only after the police complete their investigation of the incident.

The accident occurred late Monday afternoon, when the cement mixer began pouring cement on the roof of a house extension being built for the Dakwar family.

The heavy cement mixer was parked at the top of a steep slope overlooking the house, while family members stood near the building site, watching the work.

The cement mixer needed to maneuver on the edge of the slope to get closer to the home. After reversing for a few minutes on the soft shoulders of the slope, the driver lost control and the huge machine plunged down the slope onto the four members of the Dakwar family standing below.

Attorney Imad Dakwar, who was standing on the roof of the extension when the incident occurred and was not hurt, said the accident "the hand of destiny."

But ministry inspectors ruled that the tragedy could have been prevented, had the cement mixer not been perched on the very edge of the slope and had the work not been carried out in the dark. Moreover, the report states, an authorized contractor should have been supervising the work.

It is not yet clear whether the accident was caused by a mistake by the mixer's driver, the failure of its brakes, the sinking of a wheel or faulty directions given to the driver by the cement pump operator.

Dakwar said that the building contractor, a relative, had checked out the area before proceeding with the work.



Cars were stuck up to their axles in water on a street near the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds yesterday, as heavy rains caused flooding and traffic jams in many parts of the country. Flash floods caused the closure of several roads in the Negev. The Meteorological Service reported that areas on the coast and inland have already received nearly half of their average annual rainfall. The rain is expected to die down later today, but more rain is expected tomorrow night.

(Text: David Rudge; Photo: Ya'acov Shabiel)

## Probe set up to investigate Safed hospital blackout

DAVID RUDGE

AN inquiry has been launched into the cause of the breakdown which left the Rebecca Sieff government hospital in Safed virtually without power for more than 24 hours.

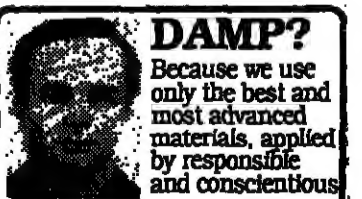
There were over 300 patients in the hospital throughout the brownout, including 10 in the premature infant, cardiac, and general intensive care units.

"This is not the sort of thing that should happen to a hospital, and we have asked experts from various bodies, including the Housing Ministry, to investigate the cause and apportion responsibility," said deputy hospital director Dr. Calin Shapira.

### Linguist Reuven Sivan dies

Dr. Reuven Sivan, a linguist and translator who co-edited the Megiddo and Bantam-Megiddo Hebrew-English dictionaries, died yesterday in Jerusalem. He was 82.

Born in Jerusalem, Sivan was a member and adviser of the Hebrew Language Academy. He lectured in linguistics and education at the country's universities, and published textbooks and children's books. He was also honored for his work in developing the Hebrew typewriter.



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He said the experts would also investigate why the emergency back-up generator failed to operate, which left the hospital with only a small generator capable of supplying limited power.

Shapira said all non-essential services had been shut down, including all but one of the elevators, and lights were switched off in most wards and corridors.

"It wasn't very comfortable, especially for the patients, but we managed; eight babies were born during this period, including one by cesarean section," he said.

"We now have to discover what happened and if anybody was to blame and take steps, such as having a separate power line installed, to ensure something like this doesn't happen again."

Israel Electric Corporation workmen traced the fault to an underground cable, which had apparently been affected by water. Shapira said construction work for a new sewage pipe had been carried out in the area a few weeks ago.

He said the underground cable was near part of the area where the excavations had taken place, and which caved in due to the recent rain.

He noted that the Health Ministry had been informed of all the details.

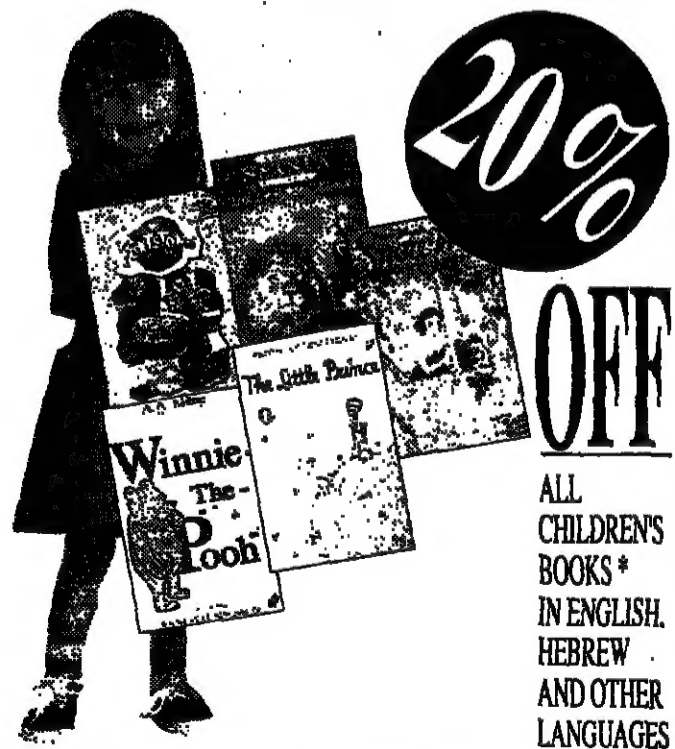
### Illegal casino raided

Police raided an illegal casino in a Herzliya apartment early yesterday morning, arresting 36 gamblers, including seven organizers. Some NIS 20,000 and \$4,000 were seized, as were roulette and blackjack tables.

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